

Question 1

Do the things in the easy read consultation report reflect your views and opinions about services for people with learning disabilities?

(Please tick your answer)



You can put any comments about this question here.

Overall, yes, but the spectrum of ability is so wide that some areas are not covered adequately.

The role of carers (families) is really still grossly underestimated, especially for people with severe/profound disabilities.

Yes, things have improved but there is so much more ~~can~~ could be done/achieved.

It is still far too ~~common~~ ^{common} to hear the 'lack of resource/money' card being played, although we all know we have to work within realistic budgets. Budgets for learning disability aspects seem to be well down priority lists.

Question 2

What do you think has worked well over the last 10 years for people with learning disabilities and family carers?

This could be changes in your local community or all over Scotland.

Please write your answer here.

Great public awareness of the folk with ID who live in and around them. The general move away from the large ghetto-like day centres is a positive move.

On my own experience, as someone who was involved with hospital closures back in the mid to late nineties, the vast majority of people are now living lives of a much higher quality in the community as compared with living in an 'institute'.



Question 3

What do you think still needs to be done by the Government to make the lives of people with learning disabilities and family carers better?

Please write your answer here.

More diverted resource, in areas such as help with transport = specialist services such as music / language --- therapies.

In the Central Area, need a more positive and active input from the Health Services, (alongside Social Services who are generally more active)



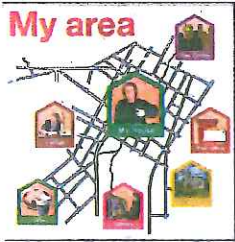
Question 4 - (this question is for organisations only)

- What have you done in your organisation to improve services for people with learning disabilities in your local area?
- What have you done in your organisation to improve access to services for people with learning disabilities in your local area?

Please write your answer here.

Speaking as current chair of a horticultural initiative (Love Routes in Slough Area) (I am also a parent of someone with LD), this organisation has been set up & run basically by volunteers. Now supplies a 'service' to people in the ~~Slough~~ Central Area, from both schools, & referrals from Social Services, & directly from parent-reviews.

Provide help/advice as well as training in especially horticultural activities but also wider areas such as eg joining



Question 5

What have you done to make things better in your local area for people with learning disabilities and family carers?

Please write your answer here.

See Q4.
In addition as a parent/carer, often take calls from other parent/carers looking for advice etc
As a member of the local (Stirling) branch of 'enable', we run a social club weekly for up to 80-100 adults just for pure recreation - this has run for many years



Question 6

What do you think needs to be done to help people with learning disabilities get access to good healthcare?

Please write your answer here.

More positive and active approach by the Health Boards, who should work closer with the Social Services, & the various Care Provider types.



Question 7

What do you think needs to be done to improve access to better education and learning for people with learning disabilities?

Please write your answer here.

Need a more active and structured approach to especially the area of transition from 'school' to 'adult-learning opportunities'.



Question 8

What do you think needs to be done to help people with learning disabilities live more independent lives?

Please put your answers here.

Education, training (inc the transition stages of people's lives), & counselling for parent/carer to allow them to help their dependents move on eventually

Carer/provider organisations need to help their charges to move on within their abilities - In many cases carer's support means, washing/feeding/basic levels of care - but unfortunately can mean leaving their charges propped up in front of TV's/DVD's etc.

(NOT in all cases !)



Question 9

What do you think needs to be done to help people with learning disabilities get jobs?

Please write your answer here

The sections within councils such as 'employability', which has a pretty impressive record, should be strengthened & supported more.



Question 10

What do you think are the things we need to do in the future to make the lives of people with learning disabilities better?

Please write the most important things first.

Please write your answers here.

- see previous answers.