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# Q. 3 Can you give examples of issues in current work and/or policies that still need to be addressed?

More work needs to be done to promote the human rights of parents with learning disabilities. There has been some progress in the last ten years, including the publication of the Scottish Good Practice Guidelines for Supporting Parents with learning Disabilities (SCLD). However, most of the good practice indicators outlined in the Guidelines have are not consistently evidenced across the country.

Many of the agencies involved in supporting children and families do not have experience of working with people with learning disabilities, and this leads to widespread discriminatory practice, and bad outcomes for both children and their parents.

Parents need better, more flexible support that meets their needs. The idea of supported parenting should be promoted.

The lack of accessible information means that often parents with learning disabilities miss out on mainstream family/parenting support – a double whammy.

The lack of effective coordinated working between agencies makes it particularly hard for parents with learning disabilities to feel well supported. The importance of good joint working is emphasised in GIRFEC, and it must be ensured that parents with learning disabilities benefit from improvements in mainstream support for children and families.

#### **Good Practice - Organisations**

Q. 4 Can you provide examples of what you have done over the last 10 years, within your organisation, to improve services and access to services within your local area?

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## **Good Practice - Individuals**

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#### **Future Priorities - Education**

Q.7 What still needs to be done to ensure that people with learning disabilities have access to better educational opportunities?

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Q.8 What still needs to be done to ensure that people with learning disabilities are able to live independently?

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