CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

Progress and Challenges

Q.1  Do the findings of the evaluation broadly reflect your views about services for people with learning disabilities/carer?

Yes ☑  No ☐

Please provide any comments, evidence and/or examples here

I can only speak from my own point of view.
It has been 10 years and I don't see enough being done.

Q.2  Can you give examples, either locally or nationally, of what you think has worked well over the last 10 years of The same as you?

Please provide any comments and/or examples here

Respite provision
Better communication with carers
Health & Social work working together
Carers Centre has been a great help to carers.
Q. 3  Can you give examples of issues in current work and/or policies that still need to be addressed?

Please provide any comments and/or examples here

- More funding within further education (places have been cut recently)
- Too much focus on paid employment - more should be done to help with life skills for independent living.
- Better trained staff for day centres and service providers.
- More supported accommodation required.
- Not nearly enough funding to cope with waiting lists.

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?

Please provide any comments and/or examples here

- Worked with carers to keep the two centres run by Capability Scotland in Renfrewshire as the council wanted to close these very well run centres. This has been successful but not sure for how long!
Good Practice - Individuals

Q.5 What have you done, as an individual, to make positive changes within your local area?

Please provide any comments and/or examples here

I have attended most meeting held by the Renfrewshire Learning Disability Service. In doing this I feel I have had some input as a carer into decisions being made for the future.

Future Priorities - Healthcare

Q.6 What still needs to be done to ensure that people with learning disabilities have access to better and more appropriate healthcare?

Please provide any comments and/or examples here

Hospitals need to train staff to be able to meet the needs of people with learning disabilities who often find the whole experience terrifying.
Future Priorities - Education

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

Please provide any comments and/or examples here

appropriate
more college courses — these have
been cut recently.
the input to centres from colleges
have also been cut.
more funding!

Future Priorities - Independent Living

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

Please provide any comments and/or examples here

more appropriate accommodation needed.
more funding needed to bring down
waiting lists.
better trained staff to suit
individual needs.
more social activities in the evening
many people living on their own become
isolated and lonely which can cause
mental health issues.
Future Priorities – Employment

Q.9 What still needs to be done to ensure that people with learning disabilities have access to better employment opportunities?

Please provide any comments and/or examples here

Jobs are just not available. Money is being spent on preparation work for interviews for non-existent jobs and building false hopes. Our daughter has a voluntary job in a nursery. She works 1 hour per week and it costs her £59. For a disclosure to be able to do this, Employ and similar employment opportunities seem to have been ideal.

Future Priorities

Q.10 What other future priorities do we need to focus on?

(Please list these in order of importance with the most important first)

Please provide any comments and/or examples here

More supported employment for those able to work.
More voluntary work.
More funding for further education.