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 [x] No [ ]

Please provide any comments, evidence and/or examples here

*My answer is based on my experience as the father of an autistic son now in his late 30s.*

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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

*I am at a disadvantage here in that I became aware only recently of the "same as you?" policy or consultations so cannot make a 10 year comparison. Certainly, disabled people are better treated generally & have more opportunities.*
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

HELP & INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE
BUT ACCESS TO BOTH STILL NEEDS
TO BE IMPROVED. OUR LOCAL
CARERS ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN
MORE HELPFUL TO MY FAMILY THAN
SOCIAL SERVICES - THIS IS NOT
HOW IT SHOULD BE.

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

I AM NOT IN ANY ORGANISATION
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

Both my sons have severe problems and mine or my wife's energies have been exhausted in trying to access support for them, however, we have made our feelings known when dealing with bureaucracy but not in a public way.

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

More funding, more front-line workers, less "clipboard" staff, more information available to carers.
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

I HAVE INSUFFICIENT KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT IS AVAILABLE TO BE ABLE TO COMMENT

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 SUPPORT WORKERS & MORE FUNDING SO THAT THE COST OF SUPPORT CAN BE REDUCED & MORE SUPPORT TIME Bought.
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

My autistic son has had little difficulty in finding work but so much employment nowadays is part-time or contracts are of limited hours. I doubt if anything can be done under the present economic climate.

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 careful consideration as to a person's suitability for independent living.