Question 1

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

(Please tick your answer)

Yes [ ] No [ ]

You can put any comments about this question here.

- Housing: True, some people miss their friends and do not like living alone. Others are not matched well with others on their own home to do what staff say. Other it is great.
- Care Standards: Need to better protect staff who whistle-blow. Some in NHS and care feel it is better to keep quiet or leave once bullied.
- Services and Support: Much is still 'group' or 'warehouse' led. Children have hopes of doing things for themselves and with society but look sad as staff take over.
- Education: YPs with autism in mainstream need education in a room quiet and clean and a choice of wheelchair or table. A trial and error will learn a new setting. Very difficult with Asperger's and will require staff to manage.
- College: YP with Asc fail at this transition. As in network no proper trial and plan early enough. As in network also get worst as above for YPs, LD/Asc and also get through groups day and night. Also Asc do not access well.
- Relationships: Getting better but some do not get the help to connect body - feeling - relationship.
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.

Crime - at least it is recognised some people need help in prison or better PSE in schools to help explain coercion or crime and conseqence. If people don't have the chance to learn rules or understand life or get out socially then how can they learn about crime. It is not obvious what it is if everyone around you is doing the same and it is a lot harder not to do the same without support.

Parenting - as with crime at least it is talked about more but again it is something that needs to be taught and not everyone get the chance to learn good skills from those around them.

BME - Some cultures learn from family so if the family have not heard of things like arts in who do you are. Information is usually in writing or rarely for information to go into the community even if it is the family room for female staff in a workplace so they can take it home and discuss with others.
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:

Transport - Getting better, drivers have training but those who have low mobility and a who find it difficult to get to care and aspergers have to go to mental health to get a form to say they need help to find parking because difficult and anxious in public. So they stop going out. Hidden ASC, YP and adults.

Choice - Some find it hard to have a staff choice.

Balance even in a town area.

Advocacy - Some people with difficult communication can be missed due to time allowed by time tables not site the time of care or activity. Also if people had autism as well the advocacy needed is not easy to find especially if main service are city based.

Information - Is getting better but not always being shown to care staff, private organisations or people with communication difficulties.

Schools, bullying is not just on the streets with bullying. It is in staff rooms everywhere, who do we need people to disclose these. Sometimes made the label to be safe as this sometimes made the label worse and harder to deal with. Employers need to take it seriously.
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.
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.
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.

Dementia

Sexual Health

Body Health and screening

Mental Health

All need to be S.A.Y. Sometimes it is too easy to say a person does not need it because they have staff, or do not need it because they do not like it, or it is too far to go. Information, trips, tryouts need to be better, slower and P.S.E. in schools as well, have the right to learn and ask for themselves too.
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.
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.

Caregivers need more help to help themselves and get independent. Many caregivers lose jobs too so support could get both caregiver and person out of both transition and person can see caregiver as role model and learn from them too.

Caregivers do not get enough help to get into work and person loose money if care stays a career. Jobseekers get more than a career even if a caregiver looks after more than one. Caregivers ASC with MH are hidden as on low mobility or care yet greater mental risk - Caregivers need to be seen as being in work and possible good future paid careers to know what good service Care should look like.
Question 9

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

Please write your answer here

Life planning - If PSE, schools, work trials started early and education looked to be an adult would be a good start.

Also if on a voluntary basis they should be taken on to paid work and not worked then be told there are no places.

Equality and diversity - People have this too even if they have LD or ASC, if it is not right to speak to an older person in a certain way, it is not right to speak to a person/older with an LD in a different way. Some people think they get treated like a child and told not to do things yet other people in society can do what they like even if it is not acceptable normally.
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.

- Service to be aware needs are 24 hr and do not stop at 5pm on a Friday or on holidays. So everyone needs to be aware because helping or being ready for a person with LD/ASC means helping others who are hidden. "It seems = see all!"

- Stamp on staff room cultures and help pride in service care gives to be enabled to standard bear. People with LD/ASC have lots of good ideas and can standard bear too. As we have seen in media cases, standard bearing for people with LD/ASC will help older care and society care as age does not stop accident or poor care for anyone.

- Start younger and help education to see the potential in adult and not school barrier. Social also remains need to be much better in this. Help family care-givers transition too.