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 that could be done/achieved.

It is still far too common to hear the lack of resources/money/saved/played, although we all know we have to work within realistic budgets. Budgets for learning disability teams seem to be well down prioritised.
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.

In 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 opposed to 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 directed resource, in areas
such as help with home and specialist
services such as music/language therapis.

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 (above photo in sitting area) (I am also a parent of someone with LD), this organisation has been set up essentially by volunteers now supplies a service to people in the central area from both schools, referrals from social services, directly from parents/ carers,

provide help/advice as well as training in especially horticultural activities as well as other areas such as woodwork.
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 GPs.
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 (ie the transition stages of people's lives) / counselling for parent/ carers to allow them to help their dependents move on eventually.

Care provider organisation need to help their charges to move on within their abilities. In many cases care simply means, washing / feeding / basic levels of care - but unfortunately care 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 and 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.

[Handwritten text: see previous answers.]