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

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

More choices for people
More friends
More involvement
I do things for myself
I help the staff
I say what I want to do
I get out and about on my own more
More in touch with relatives
Better off financially
Have my own key for my front door
I have my own garden
Outings of my choice
Being able to get support to go to the bank to get my own money
Living with someone I choose to be with
Having my own independence
Having my own choice- choosing my own home
Being accepted more into the community
PCP have been developed and improved on
Government have responded to request from service users for more choice in providers
Better trained staff
Have company in my new home
Greater independence and staff support
Moving from hospital into my own home
Day Activities
More involvement for families
More 1:1 time
More support for the little things that matter
Living in a smaller group
Living with people I spoke about in my PCP
Moving to Housing Support
Own Tenancy agreement
More involvement in the community and at home
More flexibility- staff/ choice
More person centred activities

Comments from Carers/families-
Leaving a hospital setting has changed his life
He is more able to communicate and be involved and relate to his peer group
An opportunity to return to my place of birth
He gets out and about- never in
More in touch with relatives
Better off financially
My family can visit whenever they wish
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

People felt that housing solutions was still an area which requires further development. There is not always suitable accommodation for people particularly ground floor, level access.

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

In the last 10 years the people we support have moved from St Joseph’s Hospital into smaller living groups. Through the person centred planning process people have had an opportunity to plan the life they choose and on many occasions have moved into their own home or chose to share with other people.

People now have greater flexibility around the type of support they wish and are much more involved within their local community.

The people we support have a greater say within the organisation and involvement, inclusion and participation is encouraged at every level.
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

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

Our experience of health care services is quite positive. The staff work closely with the CLDT which also ensure people we support have access to the appropriate Agencies.

The introduction of MIHI hospital passports by Lothian Health has helped particularly when people are admitted into hospital.
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

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

- Be more involved in local council groups
- More accessible training courses - cooking, finance, keeping safe, first aid and what to do in an emergency
- Better information in plain English - easy read, accessible documents
- Better training for public service workers
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

- More training opportunities
- Support at your job
- Better training for staff who would be supporting you in your job
- A proper mentor system for support
- Equal rights
- Same pay as everyone else

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 flexibility in transport options
- Being more valued and involved in the community
- More choices and involvement in all aspects of my life
- Individual homes
- More 1:1 staffing support
- Having my own money to pay for my support
- Better social events- meaningful activities for elderly people/profound disabilities
More day time support/choice
More training opportunities
Staff should help me to get a new home
I want to pick my own staff
I want to pick my own flat in the place I wish
I want to choose who I live with
More choice
Stability- no more tenders
Direct payments- more flexibility
More money- access to benefits
Greater accessibility to buildings for wheelchair users
More purpose built accessible housing
More skilled staff
More flexibility with staffing hours
The need to be heard
To be given a chance to express our choices/needs
Ongoing staff training
Training to develop my skills- make a cup of char
More involvement in household chores