**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.

Some things have happened to me

- **College**

  It was hard to get a place when I left school. It was hard to fill in the applications myself. I didn’t know the answers or I couldn’t remember them sometimes it was hard to get all the Documents you needed for proof (things like benefits certificates bursaries). But at school there weren’t enough staff in the classrooms for all the people with learning disabilities – there weren’t enough staff to cover the groups. Independence – school were never willing to give me the chance to use public transport – I always had to rely on taxis. That stopped independence for me + it meant that I never got work experience – schools should give everyone the chance to be independent. College gave me the chance to learn and a bus pass. Safety and risk school was too over protective they need to trust us school is meant to be to gain trust. There was a lot of racism towards people from BME communities, it disgusted me people did get suspended or excluded overall College was better.

**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.

There are more community places + hubs for people with learning disabilities now. Where I live wasn't a safe place before but now there are places for people to go near where they live, like GESH. There are discos + things to do, there's a bingo night for the whole community – they are quite cheap to get into. They have a new mini bus as well.
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.

Some people don’t get the help + support they need. Sometimes the support starts off being quite a lot but then drops back. Some people need to be given more chances to get independence. Shown how to do things or to use a bus or the right or wrong way. Some people take advantage of people with learning disabilities + get them to do things which aren’t allowed like buying cigarettes + then they get angry with them. People are vulnerable + they need to learn how to protect themselves. People need to trust + believe in people with learning disabilities give them a chance to show they can do a job properly. Show people that people with learning disabilities can do something – give them a trial to show their skills you won’t know until you try.
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.

I work in a paid job, I speak to people with learning disabilities.
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.

If people's families smoke then people are affected by the tobacco and passive smoke. A lot of gyms don't let people with learning disabilities use certain machines, that's not fair they don't get the chance to choose the exercise they want to do. My doctors explain things well to me they know I have a learning disability.
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.

College was good at encouraging me to use public transport + this is important to help people get their independence it gives you the chance to find your way home by yourself. Have enough staff to support people in the class.
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.

Public transport, trusting people, having a job and working at it + having support in your job to do it well. Having someone that's honest with you – people should be clear with you.
Question 9
What do you think needs to be done to help people with learning disabilities get jobs?

Please write your answer here

People are getting jobs turned down because they have a learning disability which isn't right. People don't want people with learning disabilities working for them. People have lots of skills + employers need to understand that + make jobs to suit people. Having the correct support in your job with your needs.
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.
Give people with learning disabilities a chance to do the things they know they can do. Don’t just think you are not able if you don’t know. Don’t make assumptions before giving people a chance. Pay people the proper wage, at least the minimum wage + for the hours they have worked.

Thank you for taking the time to answer the questions. Your answers are important to us so that we can do the right things to help people with a learning disability have better lives.