CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

1. The strategy outlines a care pathway (page 10).

(a) If you are a service user and/or carer, please tell us what difference you believe the implementation of the pathway will make to the services you experience.

No comment

(b) How can we best ensure that services and support meet your needs?

No comment

(c) If you are a care provider, what changes will you need to make to implement the pathway?

No comment

(d) How will you make these changes?

No comment

2. The strategy identifies key factors that need to be in place to ensure the pathway is successful (Page 11 para 6.7).

(a) Which of the key factors are most important for a successful pathway?

No comment

(b) Which are the most challenging to put in place?

No comment

(c) Do you think that any key factors have been missed?

No comment

3. The strategy identifies areas for action that should be addressed going forward (Page 13-16)

(a) Which of the areas for action will be the most challenging to implement?

No comment

(b) Which of the areas for action will make the biggest difference and why?

No comment

(c) Are there any other areas for action that you would like to see included within the strategy?

No comment

4. Please comment on the current provision of sensory impairment services as either a service provider or service user. If you have any experience of sensory impairment services, please let us know what you think of them: this should include any experience of one-stop shops.

No comment

5. What difference will the implementation of the strategy make to your life?

No comment

6. Does this strategy properly reflect the current climate and developments in policy and practice for children and young people particularly in relation to the Getting it Right for Every Child approach and the Doran Review?

No comment

7. Do you have anything you wish to add to the Sensory Impairment Strategy or any other general comments that have not been covered by the questions?

We believe that this strategy has tried to meet the needs of two very distinct groups without properly addressing the complexities and differences of their needs. Instead there should be separate strategies/frameworks for deaf and blind people as these two groups have very distinct identities and needs. This framework does not give proper consideration to the needs of people who might be deaf or blind and also have other needs such as dementia or learning difficulties.

Were deaf or blind people consulted before this framework was developed? The ethos of user involvement and empowerment should be central to the development of this framework and we believe that deaf and blind people should be properly involved in the development of it.

We believe that deaf and blind people should be involved in the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the framework as well as the monitoring and evaluation of services. This will help the Scottish Government review the effectiveness of the framework and its impact. The review of services will enable service users to influence the design and delivery of services that best meet their needs at a local level.