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.

n/a

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

n/a

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

n/a

(d) How will you make these changes?

n/a

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?

- Commitment from all relevant agencies to work together
- Publicity of pathway to general public once established

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

- Development of the care pathways
- Standardisation across Scotland due to localised needs
- Quality assurance

© Do you think that any key factors have been missed?

- Training implications - leadership of service, finance/budget, age profile of professionals, career choice and progression (authority differences)
- GTCS recognition of additional training

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?

- Development of care pathways

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

- All will make a difference, however sensory awareness training for health & care staff will have an immediate impact on the current service users whilst the other actions will have more impact in the longer term future for new service users.

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

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.

- Fife Council Education Sensory Support Service links with Psychological Service to plan for and meet the educational needs of children and young people with sensory impairments. Joint working supports planning and intervention for such youngsters.
- The Sensory Support Service is a joint service supporting VI and HI as recommended in the consultation framework.

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

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?

- Yes, it echoes the principle of least intrusive, joined up working with a focus on the service users at the centre of the planning.
- Overlap with GIRFEC important – should be integrated, not stand alone
- A lifelong pathway has pros and cons – could be argued that there is not enough focus on stages / specific impairments

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?

- Choice (of provision) - parental information, children's choice
- Guidance requires clarification (varied interpretations within focus group)
- Quality assurance
- Technology
- Original draft strategy focussed on adults - not children and young people