

## ***The same as you?* – Consultation**



*The same as you?* is the policy belonging to people with learning disabilities in Scotland. It was launched by the Scottish Executive in May 2000 and reviewed the services available at that time to people with learning disabilities and people on the autism spectrum. It contained 29 recommendations intended to drive a change programme which would improve services. The recommendations were underpinned by principles recognising the individuality and worth of every person with a learning disability in Scotland; their right to be included in, and contribute to, society and their right to have a voice, support and to live the life of their own choosing.

In 2010 the Scottish Government set up an Evaluation Team to find out how the lives of people with learning disabilities and/or on the autism spectrum and their families have changed since the launch of *The same as you?*

What improvements have there been and what challenges still remain?

The results of the evaluation will be used to inform priorities for further policy and service development.

The evaluation process highlighted a number of areas where further work was still required, for example:

- Healthcare
- Education
- Housing
- Employment

We would now like to hear your opinions on the outcome of the evaluation and how we can improve things in the future. This is important as your opinions, along with the outcomes of the evaluation, will be taken forward to inform, develop and produce a new policy document for people with learning disabilities.

A new national learning disability strategy group will be formed to work on this new policy during 2012.

The following questions ask about your opinions and experiences so we would appreciate it if you could take the time to respond as we only have a limited amount of funding to do this work so we need to make sure we are spending this on the right areas.

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### RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

Please Note this form **must** be returned with your response to ensure that we handle your response appropriately

#### 1. Name/Organisation

Organisation Name

Title Mr  Ms  Mrs  Miss  Dr  *Please tick as appropriate*

Surname

Forename

#### 2. Postal Address

Postcode	Phone	Email

#### 3. Permissions - I am responding as...

**Individual** / **Group/Organisation**   
*Please tick as*

- (a) Do you agree to your response being made available to the public (in Scottish Government library)
- (b) Where confidentiality is not requested, we will make your responses available to the public on the following basis  
**Please tick ONE of the following boxes**
- Yes, make my response, name and address all available
- Yes, make my response available, but not my name and address
- Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address

- (c) The name and address of your organisation **will be** made available to the public (in the Scottish Government library)  
Are you content for your **response** to be made available?
- Please tick as appropriate**  
 Yes  No

**(d)** We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

**No**      *Please tick as appropriate*       **Yes**

## 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  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

**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

**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

**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

### **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

## **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

## **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



**Thank you for taking the time to read the consultation document and taking the time to respond to the question. Your continued input and support is vital in ensuring that we continue to close the inequality gap that people with a learning disability face daily.**

**All completed questionnaires should be returned to Sarah Grant either by e-mail or at the address below. The closing date for responses is 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012.**

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