



Report from
REACH - Feedback on the
Learning Disability Strategy
Consultation Work

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Partnership Board

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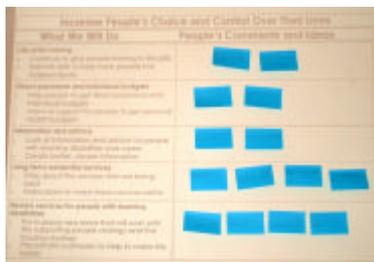
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About the Consultation

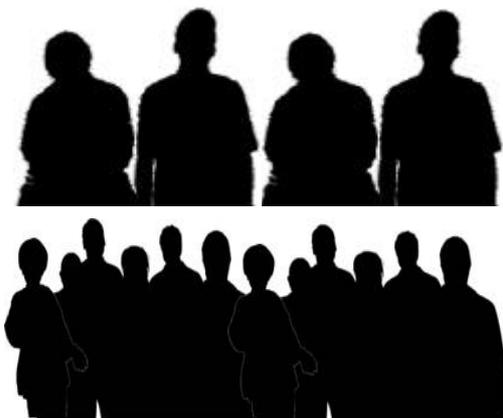


Kevin Day from Stoke-on-Trent city council asked Reach to find out what Reach MPs and experts think of the new Learning Disability Strategy.



Reach asked people to look at:

- the statements about what life in 2015 should be like for people with a learning disability
- the commissioning intentions (what the council and the NHS want to do).



About the People:

- altogether Reach worked with **16** different people with a learning disability who live in Stoke-on-Trent
- there were **9** men and **7** women between the ages of **30** and **60**.



About the Information:

- Reach collected ideas, comments and questions on posters, post-it notes, digital audio and video footage
- Reach collected **13,173** written words
- Reach collected **15** hours of digital audio recordings
- Reach collected **2** hours of video footage.



Reach used the Go and Speak Up meeting planned for Monday 5th July to collect more ideas, questions and comments from Reach MPs.



About the Parliament meeting:

- **3** people from the council (Kevin, Ian and Amanda) came to the meeting
- the meeting lasted **4** hours
- **5** of the MPs had been to a focus group
- **6** of the MPs had not been to a focus group
- altogether, **11** MPs came to the meeting.



Key Comments and Quotes



This is a small selection of some of the comments and quotes that Reach members made in the focus groups.

All comments are available in the full report.



Comments on the 8 statements

- "If people do not have enough support then it will be really hard for people with a learning disability to say this statement is true, now or in five years."
- "It's going to have to change in the future - there is a lot of work to do before people can say they get clear information."
- "Having a job is important because of the money, doing something useful and meeting people."
- "There are not a lot of opportunities to do things. Not much opportunity to get out and meet new friends, stay in touch."





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Comments on the Commissioning intentions

- “We are worried that funding cuts will damage how much respite people can get.”
- “Moving out of care is a good idea, they need to make sure that they re-house people properly and safely. Assess people well before moving. Have support in place all of the time.”
- “I want to use everyday services but need support to do it.”
- “People with a learning disability should be involved in all areas, plans should be checked with them.”