Collaborative Newcastle Learning Disability Partnership

Consultation Event

31 October 2022 at Newcastle Civic Centre

Facilitated by Skills for People



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What is important to you?

The 'What's important to you?' day was on 31st October 2022 and was organised by Skills for People.



It was hosted by Collaborative Newcastle Learning Disability Partnership who aim to improve the health, wealth and wellbeing of everyone in the City.

The Partnership is made up of the NHS, local government, education, charities like Skills for People and local communities in Newcastle.



We heard from local people about what is important **TO** people with a learning disability.

They also told us what is important <u>FOR</u> people with a learning disability and any problems they might come across in their lives.



The views that we collected on the day will help with a plan to make Newcastle the best place for someone with a learning disability to live.

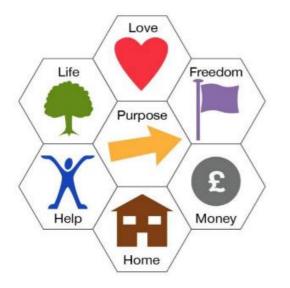
People in health and social care services and local people will work together to make this happen!



102 people attended on 31st October!

The people who attended were:

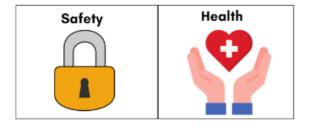
- people with a learning disability
- their families
- support workers and support providers
- and health and social care staff



We used the keys to citizenship to help us on the day

They are:

- Money having enough money.
- Home having a place where we belong.
- Help getting help and giving help to others.
- **Life** living a full life and making a difference.
- **Love** having friends and family. Giving love and receiving love.
- Freedom being in control of your own life and decisions.
- Purpose feeling valued and having access to training, volunteering, or work opportunities.



We also added Health and Safety. We all need these things but might not identify them as 'important TO' us.



The things that were most important to people were:



1. Relationships and community

- People want the chance to meet new people and make friends and keep those friends.
- Reliable and affordable public transport.
- Quality time with family including their children.



2. Jobs

- People want jobs where they can use their skills. This would help improve confidence and feeling valued.
- Earning money.





3. Clear help to understand the benefit system

- People want their own money and be able to control it themselves. They want enough money to be able to spend on what they want.
- Some people said they don't have very much money at all.



4. Being safe

- People said they do not feel safe when out and about where they live, in Newcastle City centre and even at home.
- This could be because people have experienced hate crime in the past or are worried hate crime might happen.
- People said that learning how to be safe online is very important.





