

Cross-Party Group on Learning Disability



Minutes of the meeting

Where: Scottish Parliament & Zoom

Date: Wednesday 6 March 2024

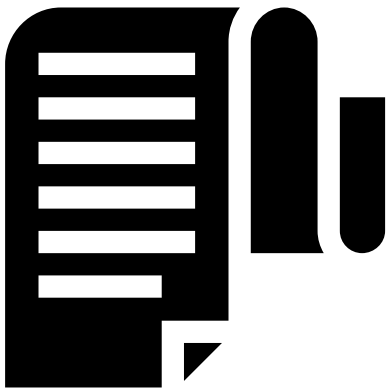
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1. Welcome and apologies

Paul welcomed everybody both in the room and who joined on Zoom.



2. Minutes and Matters Arising from last meeting

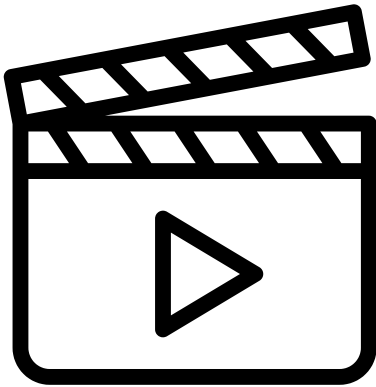
We agreed that the minutes from the previous meeting in November were correct.

We submitted the minutes of the AGM to Scottish Parliament who uploaded those minutes online.



3. Social Care Charges

Sonya Brewsher and Jeff Adamson shared a presentation on social care charges.



A video was shown describing the experiences of people with learning disabilities with social care charges and calling for social care charges to end.

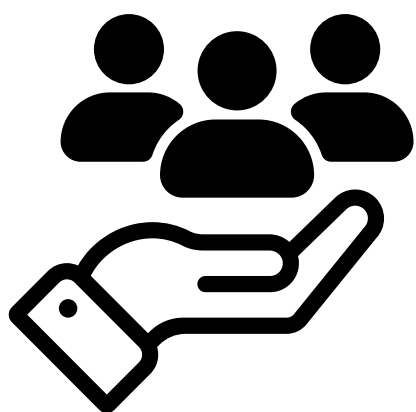
They spoke about the importance of ending social care charges.

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There was much discussion after the presentation.

People discussed the importance of scrapping care charges, and how this would help people in the long run.



Enable Glasgow spoke about the impact of social care charging on the people that access their services.

People in Glasgow have seen increased because the council have changed when people start paying

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It was discussed that there is a need to engage HSCPs on the issue of social care charges.

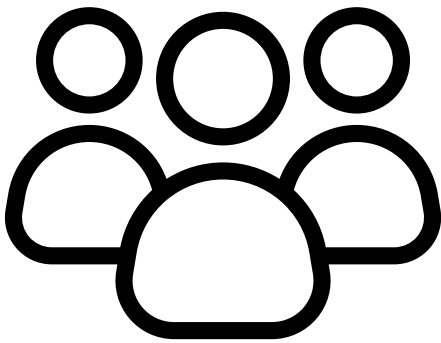
HSCP's means Health and Social Care Partnership.



4. Update

Jacqueline Campbell of the Scottish Government provided an update on the LDAN Bill.

LDAN is the Learning Disability, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill.



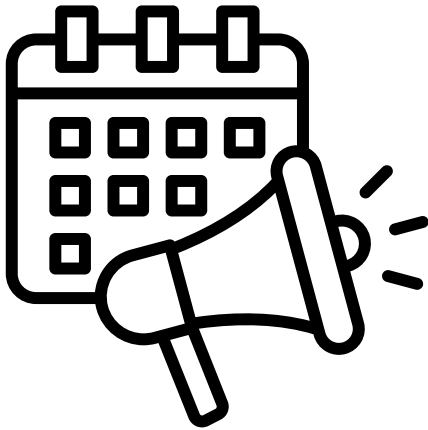
She said that 160 responses to the consultation had now been received up to March. The consultation is open until the end of April.

Many of the responses were from individuals.



4. Update

After the update there was a lot to discuss about the consultation and the LDAN Bill.



Enable gave an update that they were hosting a series of engagement events for people to give their thoughts on the consultation.

Other organisations have also been hosting similar events.



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It was asked how Human Rights were factored into the Bill?

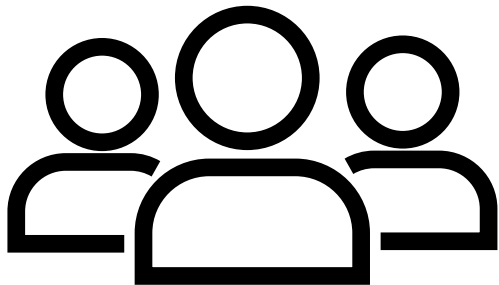


With Jacqueline responding that there are a range of rights in the consultation as well as thought of how the Bill will work alongside the incorporation of the UN human rights treaties in Scots Law.



4. Update

Some one asked what practical difference the Bill would make for people with learning disabilities?



Jacqueline spoke about the close involvement of LEAP in developing the consultation document and said the Bill team were aware that the Bill would need to make a real difference for people.

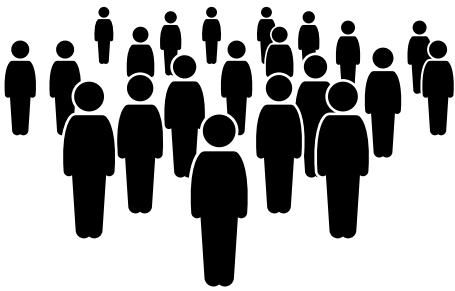


LEAP is the lived experience advisory panel. It is a group of people with a learning disability who work with civil servants to progress ideas for the Bill.

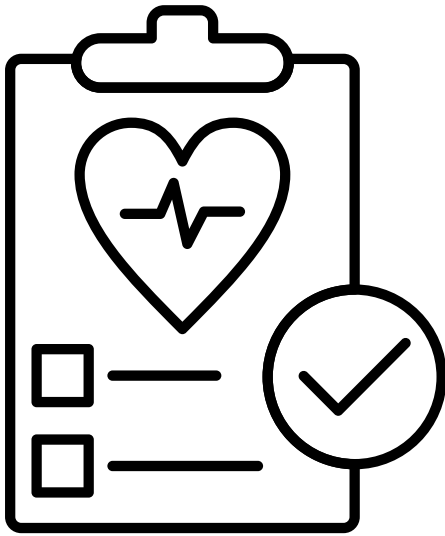


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For some they felt that the name was too complicated and they wanted it to be made easier to understand.

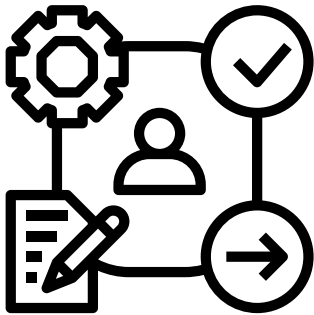


Jacqueline said that the current name is so that the Bill can be inclusive of a wide range of people, this was discussed with the LEAP panel.

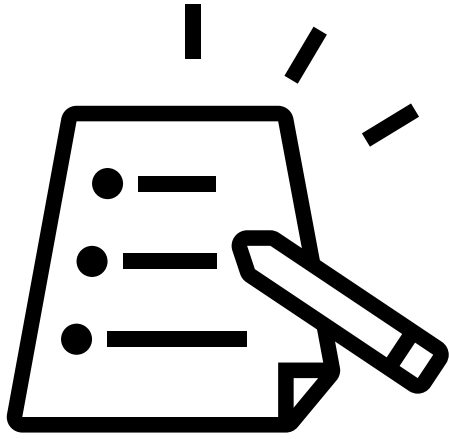


6. Any other business

There were comments on the need for a future meeting to include the discussion of the Coming Home report and supporting people to move out of institutionalised care.



Jacqueline highlighted progress in establishing Dynamic support registers and a national panel.



4. Actions

The proposed actions were to:

- Continue to invite the Government along to cross party group meetings to update members on the LDAN Bill.
- Continue work on finding out information about the roll out of the Scottish Governments annual health checks for people with learning disabilities.
- Talk to the Government to get an update on Social Care charging.

Do you have any questions?



We hope you found these minutes helpful.



If you have any questions about this update you can contact Enable



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