

What Matters to Me

Consultation Template

For people responding to consultations:

Purpose:

If you have responded to a consultation but feel as though the consultation hasn't considered the lives and experiences of people with severe or profound and multiple learning disabilities, please use the text below within your consultation. We have tried to keep this as short as possible to account for consultations with strict word limits, but please do shorten or expand on this point as necessary with further information or personal experiences.

Sample text:

We are concerned that [consultation name] has not considered the lives and experiences of people with severe or profound and multiple learning disabilities, nor has it provided opportunities to directly consult with people who have learning disabilities.

Somebody with a severe or profound and multiple learning disability will typically have little to no speech, need support with daily activities such as dressing, washing, eating and keeping safe, and will also require life-long support. Therefore, it is crucial that the needs of these individuals are acknowledged, and ultimately supported, by all sectors of society.