

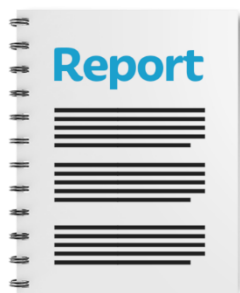
What this report is about.



This report is a summary of a report written by The Centre for Public Scrutiny for SCLD.



The full report is called Using **scrutiny** to drive outcomes. Improving quality of life for people with learning disabilities in Scotland.



There is also a shorter report with just the **key findings** in it.



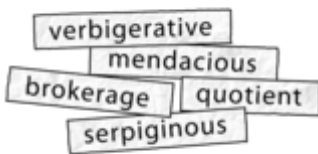
The **key findings** are the main points of the full report.



You can ask SCLD for a copy of these reports if you want to read them.



This Easy Read Report will tell you about the **Key Findings**.



When we have used big words in this report we have put them in **bold**.



If you see a word written in **bold** it will explained in the report.

What is scrutiny?



Scrutiny is looking closely at things so we can judge how good they are.



Scrutiny is about checking whether services are doing the right things to meet people's needs.



It is about checking if services listen to people when they make decisions about treatment or care.



There are different ways that **scrutiny** happens.



Sometimes people who use services carry out **scrutiny**.



Sometimes **scrutiny** is carried out by organisations like The Centre for Public Scrutiny or the Care Inspectorate.



What does the Centre for Public Scrutiny do?



The Centre for Public Scrutiny works across the United Kingdom.



The Centre for Public Scrutiny helps other organisations like companies, councils and charities to make sure they are giving people the best service they can.



The Centre for Public Scrutiny spoke to lots of people and wrote the report for SCLD.



SCLD has written the key findings and Easy Read reports to go with the big report.

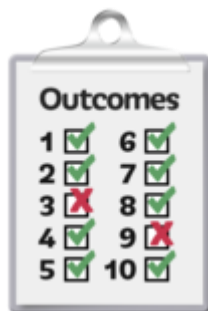
Why did we want to ask about scrutiny?



We wanted to find out more about how **scrutiny** of health and social care services in Scotland happens.



We wanted to know how **scrutiny** happens just now.



We wanted to know if looking at services to see if they are making the **outcomes** of the **keys to life** happen will help people with learning disabilities.



The keys
to life

The keys to life is the Scottish Government's big plan for learning disability in Scotland.



The keys to life

The keys to life was written to help to make life better for people who have learning disabilities in Scotland.



Outcomes are the changes that happen when we do something different.



The keys to life is supposed to make good **outcomes** happen for people with learning disabilities.



The keys to life

The keys to life says that there are four **outcomes** that should make things better for people with learning disabilities.



These four **outcomes** are
A Healthy Life
Choice and Control
Independence
Active Citizenship



We want to know if the **outcomes** are part of how services are planned or how they are judged at the moment.

How policy might change services



Health and social care integration is a name for changes that the Scottish Government decided to make to how NHS Scotland and Councils work together.



The Scottish Government thinks that this will improve the way adult social care services are provided.



A new law has been brought in to make this happen.



NHS boards and councils now have to join up.



These will be called **Health and Social Care Partnerships**.



Some people think that making these changes might mean that the focus is on making change at high up management levels.



These people think that change is also needed to make things better at the level where people get direct support.



Some people are worried that this might mean that people are seen as just a medical problem.



People with learning disabilities need support with things that are not health problems. Other things might stop a person with learning disabilities doing well in life.



This might be other people having bad attitudes to people with learning disabilities and stopping them from doing things.



To stop this from happening it is important that the people doing **scrutiny** check that the **outcomes** for people do not just look at their health.

Involving people with learning disabilities in **Scrutiny**.



The people who took part in the research for the report agreed that **scrutiny** is about the voices of people who use services.



It is important that people are involved and able to give their views on the service.



People who use services can be involved in lots of different ways.



Sometimes people who use services are on the board and can make changes this way.



Sometimes people with learning disabilities are not heard by organisations.



Families, carers and advocacy are all things that can help people to have their views heard.

Why information is important.



It is important that we get information about the lives of people with learning disabilities.



It is important that we know what the information means.



This will help us to know what **outcomes** are happening for people with learning disabilities.

How local councillors can get involved in Scrutiny



Local Councillors could do more to help with **scrutiny**.



Local Councillors could make sure that everyone in the area works together.



Everyone working together and looking at the information learned from **scrutiny** could help to make life better for people with learning disabilities.

Is learning disability asked about when **scrutiny** happens?



Some people said that learning disability is not always asked about when **scrutiny** happens.



If information about how things are for people with learning disabilities is not collected then we do not know if services are working for people with learning disabilities.



The keys to life outcomes are not looked at by all of the organisations that do **scrutiny**.

Making **scrutiny** more useful



Scrutiny looks at how services are delivered.



Scrutiny needs to also look at links between services and what plans like **The keys to life** have to say.



Scrutiny also needs to look at how councils buy services from other organisations.

What should happen next?



We want to help the Scottish Government, people who do **scrutiny** and people with learning disabilities to judge if services are making improvements to the lives of people.



A list of things to look for and questions to ask that everyone can use might help this.



The report says that health and social care services should all use the same ways of looking at things when they do **scrutiny**.



The report says that health and social care services should all use the same ways of collecting information about people with learning disabilities.



The report says that support to bring together different people to work together to find good ways to do **scrutiny** is important.



The report says we should make sure that people with learning disabilities are involved.



SCLD will work with a range of people to agree what we will do in future.