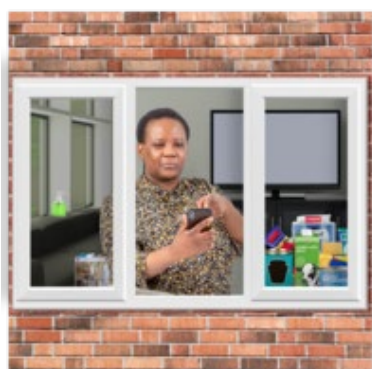


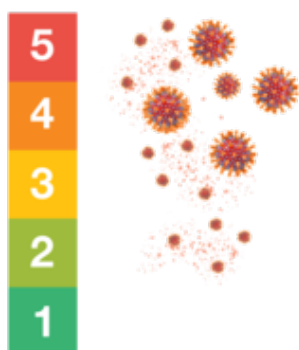
SCLD Position Statement



The pandemic has been a difficult time for everyone.



It has been a particularly difficult time for many people with learning disabilities and their families.



People are worried about high rates of Covid-19 in the community.



People are worried that their social care support will not go back to how it was before the pandemic.



People are worried about a lack of support to recover from the pandemic.



We need to make sure that people with learning disabilities do not experience inequality.



The Scottish Government is planning changes to the law in Scotland to protect people's human rights.



There will be a new Human Rights Law for Scotland.



SCLD is working with a group of people with learning disabilities to tell the Scottish Government what they think.



There are also plans for a new law for Learning Disability, Autism and Neurodiversity.



SCLD thinks this is very important to make sure people with learning disabilities can enjoy their human rights like everyone else.



SCLD thinks it is important to have an Learning Disability, Autism and Neurodiversity Commissioner to help make sure this happens.



The Scottish Government is making sure people with learning disabilities and others are fully involved in making the new law.



Everything needs to be done in partnership with people with learning disabilities.



The Scottish Government is also planning a National Care Service for Scotland.



SCLD thinks it is important that this has a big focus on human rights.



There are also plans to make changes to the laws on Mental Health and Capacity.



SCLD thinks the Scottish Mental Health Law Review did not listen enough to what the Rome Review said.



The Rome Review was also called The Independent Review of Learning Disability and Autism in the Mental Health Act.



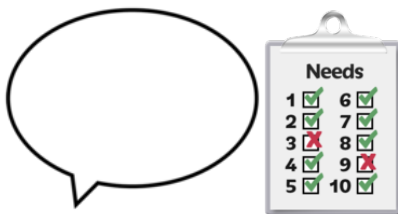
SCLD thinks that changes to the law need to have more of a focus on human rights and be in line with the other new laws planned for Scotland.



People with learning disabilities must be able to be leaders in making these changes happen.



Organizations and staff need to change how they think and behave.



To achieve real change for people with learning disabilities the most important thing is to listen to what they say, want and need.