

Adults with Incapacity Act Consultation Response from The Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities – Easy Read Summary



The Scottish Government wants to make changes to the **Adults with Incapacity Act**.



The **Adults with Incapacity Act** is a law that decides who cannot make decisions for themselves.



Some of the changes are about helping people make their own decisions, instead of others making decisions for them.



SCLD held two events to talk about **supported decision-making** in August and September.



Supported decision-making means getting help to make decisions for yourself.



At the events some people said the **Adults with Incapacity Act** rules are good already, but the problem is that they are not always followed.



Some people think the changes are too small and we need big changes to make a real difference.



SCLD thinks that the **Adults with Incapacity Act** needs to change to respect the human rights of people with learning disabilities.



SCLD thinks there needs to be more support to help people with learning disabilities make decisions.



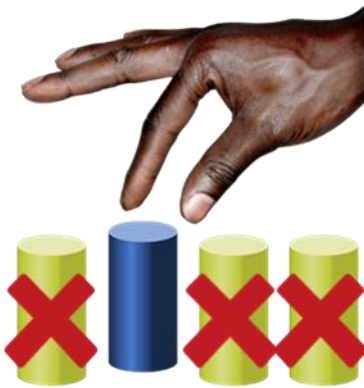
We also think there needs to be some changes to the rules about **guardianship**.



Guardianship is when someone else makes decisions for you.



Some people think too many people have guardianship when they do not need it.



At the SCLD events some people said guardianship can be helpful but it should only be used when absolutely necessary.



People agreed that supported decision-making is better than guardianship.



People were worried we do not have clear rules or enough support for supported decision-making to work well right now.



SCLD have told the Scottish Government they need to make bigger changes to the **Adult with Incapacity Act** to make sure people with learning disabilities can enjoy full and equal lives.