**Consultation - Gender-based Violence and Learning Disability: Guidance for Practitioners**

People with learning disabilities have a right to develop personal and sexual relationships like everyone else. With the right support and access to education, the majority of people with learning disabilities are able to engage in safe, healthy and happy personal and sexual relationships. We recognise however that people with learning disabilities are at a greater risk of experiencing gender-based violence, therefore this guidance is to help staff identify signs that someone may be at risk and how you can respond appropriately.

The guidance aims to provide a framework for frontline staff who work with people with mild or moderate learning disabilities, or significant learning needs, and/or work with people who have experienced gender-based violence.

Responses are anonymous but we ask for your job title and organisation so that we can tell if changes are needed to make the guidance appropriate for different sectors. The questions are split into three main sections as outlined below.

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If you would like to comment on particular areas of the guidance please complete the following questions. Consider if the content is clear, appropriate and helpful to your role. Highlight any issues and suggest improvements.

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2. Prevent, identify and ask about abuse (pages 9-15)
3. Working with other agencies and responding (pages 15-21)
4. Case studies (pages 22-26)
5. Working with perpetrators, support for staff and support organisations (pages 27-31)
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There are 17 questions in this survey.

**Stakeholder Profile**

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