

National Event

Learning Disability Day Support: Learning from COVID-19

10 February 2021

Event Overview

[This event](#) aimed to share innovation and host discussion related to learning disability day support in Scotland. Building on work done through the New Models for Learning Disability Day Support Collaborative (see below), we invited professionals across Scotland to contribute and share.

- Participants helped shape content via a pre-event survey (see right)
- 7 speakers presented and participated in two panel discussions
- 112 external participants including staff from 13 Health and Social Care Partnerships (HSCPs)
- Content included experiences from professionals and people with lived experience as an unpaid carer

Preferred topics outlined in pre-event survey



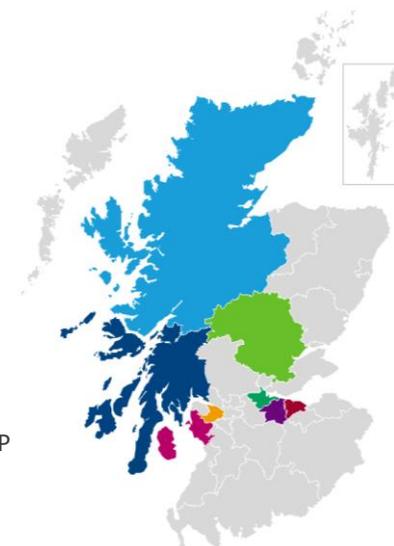
Numbers indicate how often these themes were mentioned in pre-event survey responses.

Background

In light of challenges presented by COVID-19 and other factors including the [independent review](#) of adult social care, the People-Led Care portfolio team is running a design collaborative with teams across Scotland. This programme of support cascades expertise and learning, blending the disciplines of [service design](#), [strategic planning](#) and [quality improvement](#). Read more about the collaborative on [our website](#).

Eight HSCPs were represented in the collaborative that led to this event:

- Argyll and Bute HSCP
- Edinburgh HSCP
- Falkirk HSCP
- Highland HSCP
- North Ayrshire HSCP
- Perth and Kinross HSCP
- Renfrewshire HSCP
- West Lothian HSCP



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Speakers

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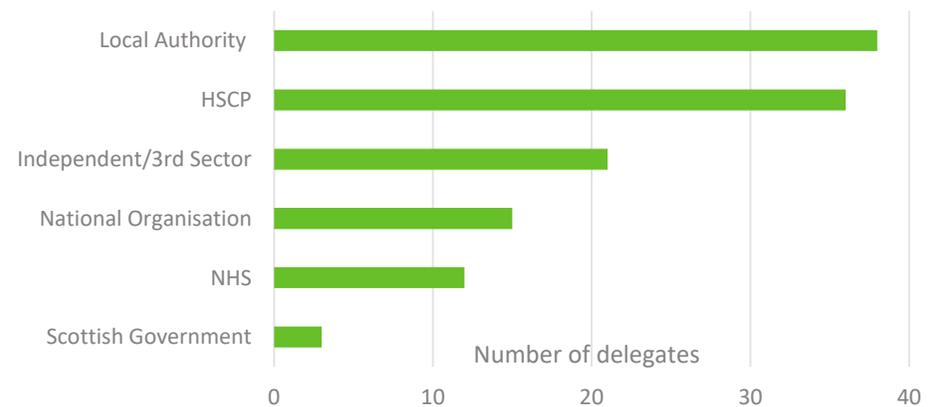
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Organisations represented among delegates



As well as topics identified in the pre-event survey, discussion included the following :

- Enabling connections among people who use services (examples included a “curry club” in South Ayrshire and a nature walking group set up by Shared Care Scotland)
- Opportunities and challenges in moving away from only building-based day support
- Lifelong learning as an ideal in service provision
- Using online connections and tech during COVID-19
- The importance of meaningful carer involvement and the impact on the pandemic on people and carers

A diversity of experiences were shared:

“Helen has a learning disability and struggles with her mental health. Socially distanced craft-work in her garden and listening to David Bowie on her device through Connecting Scotland has helped her to manage COVID-19 worries.” - One person’s experience from Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire

“This has been an absolutely brilliant distillery tour – and I’m in my bed! How is this possible? I finally understand the process of making whisky and what the different types of whisky are. I definitely needed this today.” - One carer’s experience participating in an online distillery tour as an alternative respite activity, shared via Shared Care Scotland