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COUNCIL KEEN TO HEAR VIEWS ON HEALTHCARE

Do you have a learning disabilities or do you care for someone who has? If you have any views on the healthcare you or those you care for receive then Derbyshire County Council would like to hear from you.

The council's healthier communities improvement and scrutiny committee are investigating what people with learning disabilities and their families and carers think of the healthcare they receive.

The Government recently made recommendations to the NHS about how healthcare for people with learning disabilities could be improved. The council want to look at what improvements have been made locally, what problems remain and what will help the NHS make healthcare services better for people with learning disabilities.

Councillor Alan Jones, chair of the committee, said: "We are keen to hear from people with learning disabilities, their families and carers on their experiences of using healthcare services in Derbyshire. We would like to know what they think about their GP, dentists and local hospitals. Any information will be treated confidentially and may help to improve services."

The committee will make recommendations to the NHS locally on how things could be improved. After that the council will ask for updates on progress.

For further information or to share your experiences contact Graham Spencer at Derbyshire County Council on 01629 585263 by Friday 20th March.

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