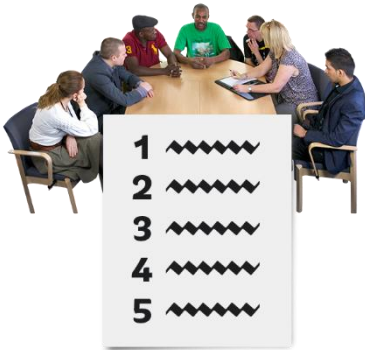


So...what's changed? (conference session):

What members said



During the LDE online conference in 2021 over 100 people took part in a talk about what's changed in care.



Below are those people's views and what needs to be done to get things better.



Things on the whole are not getting better and some of the homes and hospitals are getting worse as the Care Quality Commission shows and more people with learning disabilities are dying earlier than they should.

Members said:





- Staff are paid too low and keep changing jobs



- Funding for self-advocacy is very poor, places are cutting these



- Leadership within homes, hospitals and organisations is not good enough



- Staff do not receive the right training or enough training



- It is different across areas- some areas are good and some are not- why is this?
- Some organisations are big and are not always person centred as they are focused on the business, not the people



What we need to do about it:



1. The biggest thing that everybody said was to have better funding for self-advocates so they could challenge the system and get their own voices heard.



2. To have better training that was not just mandatory training specific to people with learning disabilities and Autistic people. This training must be run by people with lived experience.



3. Pay staff more so they stay longer, we must have staff we know and trust which we cannot do if they keep changing.



4. Get away from dependency care and go to independent support.

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5. Need to use language that people understand and involve them in every part of their life- let them lead for a change.



6. Campaign for better rights and get heard.



7. Get better leaders that understand us and let us speak and act on what we say- better still let self advocates do some of this!