



Safeguarding You, Safeguarding Me!

# Newsletter

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## GETTING OUR VOICE HEARD – PROJECT



Queens University, ARC NI and CAN were given money by DRILL, Big Lottery.



The money is being used to find out how people with a learning disability have influenced safeguarding policy across the UK.



In our application for the money, we said we would do:



Desk based research.

This is where a person looks at lots of existing documents and makes some notes on similarities and differences.



Interviews with decision makers.

The decision makers that were relevant to this project were people who work for Government Departments across England; Northern Ireland; Scotland and Wales.



Interviews with people with a learning disability and their staff and/or family members.



Write a report, telling people what we found out and suggesting ways to better support people with a learning disability to influence change.



In our August Newsletter, we told you about the project and the team of people who are doing the work.

We also told you that we had completed the:



Desk based research; and



Interviews with 8 decision makers in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales (UK).



In this Newsletter we want to update you on our action between August and December 2019.





The research team have met with lots of people across the UK.



They talked and listened to:

25 people with a learning disability;

13 staff that support people with a learning disability;

2 family members of people with a learning disability.



During their trips to England, Scotland and Wales the research team enjoyed sight-seeing as well.



Questions were also created in an online survey, to allow anyone to use their computer and have their say.

43 people sent us their feedback.



All of the trips were finished by November 2019.



Lisamarie is now looking at all the feedback. This will help us write a report.

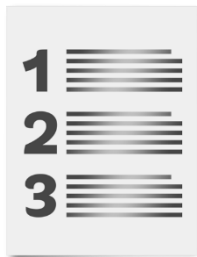
The next steps are to:



Write a report



Share the report at events across England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales (UK).



Develop an action plan for England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales (UK).



The project will be finished by the end of March 2020.

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