



Scotland's Commissioner
for Children & Young People

**"IT
ALWAYS
COMES
DOWN
TO
MONEY"**

Recent
changes in
service
provision
to disabled
children,
young people
and their
families in
Scotland.

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**YOUNG PEOPLE'S
VIEWS**

YOUNG PEOPLE TOLD US:

FAMILY

Family members, especially mothers, were often a strong source of support. They helped by talking to services. They helped in everyday life.

Mothers often made choices about the services young people used. The young people were usually happy with the choices their mothers made.

BEING HEARD

Most of the young people said they had used a service that had come to an end at some point. Some of the young people said they still needed a service that had stopped.

Professionals made decisions about the support young people should have. Sometimes, they did not ask young people what matters to them.

The young people spoke about social clubs they went to where they met people and had fun. There were many different things they could do. They had less choice about other services they used, and how and why they used them.

The young people mostly liked the services they used and the people they knew who worked in them. Sometimes some of the young people did not feel part of the activities, and felt unable to meet up with friends outside school.

THE FUTURE

Some young people lost some types of support as they got older.

The young people were worried about many things in the future. They were worried about things like being treated unfairly, getting a job and finding it difficult to learn how to drive.

The young people were worried they would not get the support they needed as they moved into adult life.

The Commissioner listened to these views. He will look at ways of sharing what young people told him.

18 YOUNG PEOPLE TOOK PART IN THE RESEARCH: 5 FEMALE | 13 MALE | AGED FROM 12 TO 20

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