

PE1545/U

Scottish Government submission of 27 November 2017

Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to recognise residential care as a way severely learning disabled children, young people and adults can lead happy and fulfilled lives and provide the resources to local authorities to establish residential care options for families in Scotland.

Following the Committee's consideration of the above Petition on 26 October 2017 you wrote asking for a response to the petitioner's concerns that the work streams commissioned to address the data visibility of people with learning disabilities in Scotland are largely focused on the prescription and effect of antipsychotic drugs and that this does not represent the group of people the petitioner represents.

The Scottish Learning Disabilities Observatory (SLDO) , is conducting a project on antipsychotic medications use with adults and children with learning disabilities. However, the Observatory's work streams commissioned to address the data visibility of people with learning disabilities in Scotland are *not* largely focused on the prescription and effect of antipsychotic drugs, as this is only one of *many* projects within a much larger programme of work, aimed at addressing the diverse needs of people with learning disabilities in Scotland. Several of these projects in progress are available as summaries and via videos on the SLDO website:

<https://www.sldo.ac.uk/projects/>

and are also available in easy-read form:

<https://www.sldo.ac.uk/accessible-information/easy-read-information-about-projects/>

The Observatory is happy to supply more information on any aspect of this work to the Committee.

Dr Anne MacDonald's project specifically focussing on out of area placements and NHS provision in Scotland for adults with learning disabilities with complex needs is ongoing.

I hope this information will be of assistance to the Committee in its continuing consideration of the Petition.