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Leadership in Scotland's Social Services

The Scottish Social Services Council has commissioned work to explore leadership activity across Scotland's social services and to identify gaps and development needs in this area.

The Changing Lives report talked about 'leadership at all levels'. The Social Work Inspection Agency report 'Improving Social Work in Scotland' has highlighted the links between effective leadership and improved outcomes for service users. Citizen Leadership is recognised as an important element in services committed to partnership and personalisation.

During September and October a partnership of University of Stirling, Scottish Consortium for Learning Disability, the Service User and Carer Forum and the Voluntary Sector Social Services Workforce Unit will be gathering views and information about leadership within social services in Scotland.

This work must be completed by the end of October 2010 which means gathering the information quickly and from a broad range of individuals and organisations. The SSSC and the Scottish Social Services Learning Networks are also looking for your views on leadership using key events and existing groups as part of this coordinated approach. All the responses will contribute to a collaborative outcome.

We hope you will be able to contribute your ideas. Leadership means different things to different people and we want to reflect those diverse perspectives. We will try our best to represent your views clearly and to focus on the leadership issues which you feel could make a difference in people's lives.

Our study will include an electronic survey, focus groups and some interviews. We will respect confidentiality throughout our work and respondents' anonymity will be guaranteed. We have full ethical approval through the University of Stirling for this project which is being carried out on behalf of the Scottish Social Services Council.

If you have issues or concerns about any aspect of the work we are carrying out please contact Frances Patterson at m.f.patterson@stir.ac.uk.



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