

Inverclyde Learning Disability and Social Opportunities Service

Inverclyde Learning Disability and Social Opportunities is one of Turning Point Scotland's many community-based services for adults with learning disabilities and autism.

The service provides an alternative to traditional building based day services, providing people with support to access opportunities in their own community.

Inverclyde Social Opportunities

Turning Point Scotland's Social Opportunities was set up as part of the Inverclyde Learning Disability Service in 2002 to support a number of service users who have a learning disability and or autism.

A person centred approach is used to help meet the needs, interests, hopes and expectations of the people who use our service.

Inverclyde Learning Disability and Social Opportunities Service is one of the many services provided by Turning Point Scotland (TPS). We provide person centred support to adults with a range of complex needs throughout Scotland.

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Making **Learning Disability** Services Fit People



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Social Opportunities

Social Opportunities was set up in 2002 to offer a variety of support to access activities ranging from individual assistance to more informal facilitated support. The support is flexible and organised according to the individual's passion, needs and wishes. Some of the options service users may choose to make use of are:

- Courses and activities at local colleges and further education centres
- Employment opportunities and volunteer placements
- Leisure and educational opportunities available at local community centres
- Sporting and training opportunities through local sports centre, swimming pools and sporting organisations
- Opportunities in social activities such as going to the theatre or cinema, bowling and playing snooker

Supported Living

The service was set up for people with learning disabilities and autism in 2001. It supports people to move into their own tenancy within the community on a 24-hour basis. Service users can either live in their own tenancy or a shared tenancy.

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All our service users have:

- A support agreement
- Support plans detailing their needs, wants and wishes
- Key workers who coordinate their support
- A key to their own house
- Their own bedroom
- Their own tenancy agreement
- Individualised support in areas such as accessing healthcare and carrying out everyday household tasks

Service users are supported to do many activities such as accessing local health care providers, community events, visiting family and friends, holidays and everyday household tasks like cooking, cleaning and paying bills.

Some quotes about our service:

"My staff team listens to me and treats me well" - Service user

"Outstanding support is offered"

- Family member

"Extremely satisfied with service user making informed choices" - Care Manager

Referrals

Referrals for Social Opportunities is made through Inverclyde Council, however, enquiries about the service (not funded by the council) can be made directly to the service.

Referrals to Supported Living are through Inverclyde Council. Enquiries can be made directly to the service; however funding/commissioning is determined by the local authority.

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