**My Fife – Improving Lives, Improving Choices**

The aim of Self-directed Support (SDS) is to give people [who are eligible](http://fish.fife/fish/subjects/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.display&pageid=04161270-F774-C449-6C7DC5EBF138EDA3&subjectid=F27C4837-98EB-485B-BFF7-DA4CC454B1ED)  for care and support as much control, choice and flexibility over their own lives and support as they want.    SDS is a method of arranging support in a tailor made way so that people, families and carers can live more independently with an improved quality of life.

<http://www.fifedirect.org.uk/topics/index.cfm?fuseaction=service.display&p2sid=036D5369-F8F6-6AD0-B0B3BEF71E9D9EF3&themeid=79F2819F-4DB4-448D-A6D8-3C55AB04F634>

The **Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013 places a duty on local authorities to provide a wide range of information which individuals can access to make informed decisions and choices.**

The SDS Reference Group supports the development of SDS in Fife. The members are seeking your views with regards to the creation of a new website, or the development of an existing website, to offer as wide a range of information as possible to carers, people who use formal and informal care and support services, practitioners, voluntary organisations and care providers.

The group welcomes your support and would be grateful if you could answer the following questions, the results of which will be used to guide the development of a suitable website of local information.

If this survey doesn’t apply to you but you know someone who uses formal or informal care and support services or their carer please ask them to complete the survey and share their views.

**Question 1**

**How important would it be for you to have the following on an information website? (Please tick a box)**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Very important** | **Important** | **Moderately important** | **Of little importance** | **Unimportant** |
| Community based activities, groups and organisations, for example, a local card making class. |  |  |  |  |  |
| A-Z of registered Care Providers in Fife and a description of the care and support each one offers. |  |  |  |  |  |
| An online referral system whereby people assessed as requiring care and support can refer themselves directly to a Care Provider of their choice. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Local support groups and self-help groups. |  |  |  |  |  |
| A-Z of agencies providing information and advice eg Citizen’s Advice. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Information about Self Directed Support – what this is and how it can be used to personalise your care. |  |  |  |  |  |
| A community linking section for people who would like to get involved in an activity or meet people with similar interests. |  |  |  |  |  |
| A calendar of news and events/what’s on guide. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health and well-being information. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Useful leaflets and publications. |  |  |  |  |  |

**Please tell us about other information you would include which isn’t mentioned above.**

**Question 2**

**How often would you use the following information websites or resources? (Please tick a box) -**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Daily** | **Weekly** | **Occasionally** | **Rarely** | **Very rarely** | **Never** |
| Fife Direct – [www.fifedirect.org](http://www.fifedirect.org) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fife Voluntary Action Directory (formerly CVS Fife directory) [www.fifevoluntaryaction.org.uk](http://www.fifevoluntaryaction.org.uk) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Digital Fife – [www.digitalfife.com](http://www.digitalfife.com) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fife Elderly Forum’s Directory of Service for Older People in Fife – <http://www.fife-elderly-directory.org.uk/> |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| What’s On in Fife guide. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fife Families (under 5s) - [www.fifedirect.org.uk/earlyyears/](http://www.fifedirect.org.uk/earlyyears/) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fife Services Directory (Previously Fife Rights Forum Directory) - [www.servicesfife.org](http://www.servicesfife.org) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kingdom FM. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ALISS (A Local Information System for Scotland) – [www.aliss.org](http://www.aliss.org) |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Please tell us below about other Fife websites or resources that you use when searching for local information.**

**Question 3**

**If you use any of the following websites or resources how would you rate them? (Please tick a box)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Fife Direct – [www.fifedirect.org](http://www.fifedirect.org) | **Very good** | **Good** | **Acceptable** | **Poor** | **Very poor** |
| Fife Voluntary Action Directory (formerly CVS Fife directory) [www.fifevoluntaryaction.org.uk](http://www.fifevoluntaryaction.org.uk) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Digital Fife – [www.digitalfife.com](http://www.digitalfife.com) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fife Elderly Forum’s Directory of Service for Older People in Fife – <http://www.fife-elderly-directory.org.uk/> |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Kingdom FM |  |  |  |  |  |
| Forth FM |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tay FM |  |  |  |  |  |

**Please name other resources or websites you would use to find local information and events.**

**Question 4**

Please select the sorting system(s) you would be most likely to use when searching for local information.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| A map divided into different areas of Fife eg East Fife |  |
| By category – for example, sports, theatre, art, pre-school, care providers, etc |  |
| By age group – under 5s, children, adults, older people. |  |
| By issue or area of specialism – for example, homelessness, disability, debt, carers, etc |  |
| Alphabetically A-Z |  |

**Is there another sorting system that you would prefer to use which isn’t mentioned above? Please specify.**

**Question 5**

**Please use this space to provide additional comments or suggestions that you would like to make about the proposed website/directory.**