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I was involved in the Integrated Joint Board in South Lanarkshire until the autumn of last year so I am in a position to answer the questions posed in the consultation. I am still an active member of the Clydesdale Locality Planning Group as a representative of Seniors Together, a voluntary group.

1. **Do you know how and when you can get involved with the Integration Authorities to influence decision making?** Yes, very much so. As a patient representative on the Board, I was given all the necessary support I needed to be fully informed, given the opportunity to speak out and generally respected as a source of patient/public feedback to help develop strategies and service developments. The similar position exists with my successor.

   In my recent involvement in a Locality Planning Group, again all the support is there to help me contribute and influence the planning of local services.

2. **Were you consulted in the preparation of the strategic plans or involved with the work of the Strategic Planning Group?** Yes, again very much so. I was involved in the Strategic Group as a patient/public partner and was also involved in some of the work stream groups. I also participated in public forums where opportunities were available to comment on the plan.

3. **Have you been involved with the work of the Integration Authority following the publication of the strategic plan?** Yes, as highlighted above I am currently involved in a Locality group which is one of four in South Lanarkshire Partnership Area. As a representative of Seniors Together, I am also involved with meetings with the three other Seniors Together representatives from their locality groups to ensure that the discussions at locality meetings are in accordance with the overall strategic plans and the vision of South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership for the future.

4. **Have you been involved with the work of the localities/what involvement would you like to have?** See above.

5. **Do you think that your involvement with the IAs has had an impact on decision making?** Yes, very much so.

6. **What could be done to improve the communication from the IAs?** There needs to be a regular newsletter which encompasses the observations from all the stakeholders regarding what is happening, what needs to happen and appropriate timescales. The newsletter should be in simple language and readily accessible to the public. In South Lanarkshire, the patient representative is nominated from South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Forum (previously South Lanarkshire Public Partnership Forum) and a regular report is given to the membership regarding the activities of the IA.

7. **What could be done to ensure greater collaboration and engagement in the decision-making process of Integration Authorities?** Consideration should be given to develop and improve community networks so that more voices can be heard and thus influence decision making. Although many community groups exist including community councils, they seem to work in isolation and in silos. Community engagement strategies, to mirror localities, need to be developed.