Adult Provision Questionnaire Devised by a Parent

(Questions not in priority order)

Religious and cultural needs

- Proximity to place of worship on-site and off-site worship?
- Relationship of establishment with place of worship?
- Special celebrations?

Leisure and social needs

- Age mix of other residents?
- Ability mix of other residents?
- Levels of challenging behaviours of other residents?
- Activities available on-site individual and group activities?
- Regular activities off-site, and what?
- Links with community clubs and individuals?
- Visits and trips made, and what?
- Availability of transport?
- Holidays?
- Show list of young person's interests:
 - Is there the support for the young person to continue with these?
 - Are there opportunities for him/her to develop new interests and hobbies?

Links with family

- Preferred level of parental contact?
- How are parents involved
 - telephone calls
 - reports
 - letters
 - photos / pictures
 - parents' group?
- Visitors how are they dealt with?

Communication policy

- Most used means of communication on-site?
- What alternative systems are used?
 - signing
 - symbols
 - other systems
- Level of skills of staff?
- Do staff use young person's own communication method as a matter of course?

Presence of IT support

- What is available on-site?
- How skilled are staff?
- How interested are staff?
- What access to it do residents have?

Employment

- Opportunities on-site?
- Opportunities off-site?

Education and training

- College courses
 - variety?
 - frequency?
- What is the organisations attitude to education and training for residents?

Environment and physical accommodation

- Single room?
- Size floor space / wall space / room for work table and arm chair / sufficient for cupboard and book-cases, etc. / bed size (provided)?
- Level of provision / decoration?
- What is provided by the resident (e.g. own furniture)?
- General environment?
- Move from high dependency to less high dependency possible?

Reviews

- Do they have more than the statutory annual one?
- How frequent are care plan reviews?
- Are reports issued before the meeting?
- Who attends?
- Who chairs it?
- How can the young person participate, e.g. video / graphics / what did s/he and didn't s/he like?

Medical

- Is there a GP to the establishment or do they have a choice?
- Choice of partner within the GP practice?
- Ditto with dentists?
- Specific health experience (in event of young person's specific health needs)?
- Arrangements to notify parents of ill health?

Personal possessions and identity

What is done about this?

Diet

- Meal options
 - non-meat
 - low fat / healthy
 - caffeine
 - wine with meal?

Input from professionals

- Speech and language therapist?
- Psychologist?
- OT?
- Physiotherapist?
- Other?

Atmosphere, e.g.

Positive / negative?
Care only / emphasis on achieving?
Focused / vague?

Happy / miserable?

Active or busy / bored?

Clean and tidy / scruffy?

Peaceful / agitated?

Forward looking / stagnant?