# **Drug Death Prevention (Scotland) Bill**

#### **About You**

An individual

Q1. Are you responding as:

Q2. Which of the following best describes you? (If you are a professional or academic, but not in a subject relevant to the consultation, please choose "Member of the public".)

Member of the public

Q3. Please select the category which best describes your organisation:

No Response

Q4. Please choose one of the following:

I am content for this response to be published and attributed to me or my organisation

Please provide your name or the name of your organisation. (Note: The name will not be published if you have asked for the response to be anonymous or "not for publication".)

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Q5. Please provide a way in which we can contact you if there are queries regarding your response. Email is preferred but you can also provide a postal address or phone number. (Note: We will not publish these contact details.)



Q6. Data protection declaration

In order to proceed, please confirm that you have read and understood the Privacy Notice contained on Page 1

I confirm that I have read and understood the Privacy Notice to this consultation which explains how my personal data will be used.

Q7. If you are under 12 and making a submission, we will need to contact you to ask your parent or guardian to confirm to us that they are happy for you to send us your views.

No Response

## Your Views On The Proposal

Q8. Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposed Bill? (please note this is a compulsory question)

Fully supportive

#### Please explain the reasons for your response.

Drug deaths are scotlands shame and we must make improvements to protect those who are vulnerable to addiction. OPCs will be very helpful for addicts but the Scottish government but tackle the grass roots of this social problem. Poverty, mental health, housing unemployment. The list is long. Poverty ring the biggest factor in my opinion

Q9. Do you think legislation is required, or are there are other ways in which the Bill's aims could be achieved more effectively? Please explain the reasons for your response.

I have no expertise on drug legislation but whatever it rashes needs to be done and promptly

Q10. Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposal to establish overdose prevention centres?

Fully supportive

Please explain the reasons for your response.

They are desperately needed and have been shown in other countries to effective

Q11. Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposal for a licensing regime to enable the establishment of overdose prevention centres?

Fully supportive

Please provide reasons for your response, including on the proposed conditions for licensing (see pages 12 to 14 of the consultation document) and on the proposal that health and social care partnerships are responsible for licensing and scrutinising OPCs?

I didn't understand most of the legislation. Health and social care would obviously be the best professionals to undertake this scheme but these people are completely overwhelmed with current situation in these departments. A new dedicated drugs department staffed with new drugs qualified professionals and ex addicts should be set up

Q12. Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposal for a new body, the Scottish Drugs Deaths Council?

Fully supportive

Please provide reasons for your response, including views on the proposed functions of the SDDC (see pages 14 to 16 of the consultation document) and on how it should operate in practice.

It should provide OPCs and be staffed by professionals along side ex drug addicts who will be able to advise the best way to proceed since they have the best qualifications from their use of drugs and drug culture

## **Financial Implications**

Q13. Any new law can have a financial impact which would affect individuals, businesses, the public sector, or others. What financial impact do you think this proposal could have if it became law?

some increase in costs

Please explain the reasons for your answer, including who you would expect to feel the financial impact of the proposal, and if there are any ways you think the proposal could be delivered more cost-effectively.

There's would be cost involved but b it would be a small price to pay to fix this terrible scourge on our society that kills young people in poverty and in mental health. I have no idea how to finance it

### **Equalities**

Q14. Any new law can have an impact on different individuals in society, for example as a result of their age, disability, gender re-assignment, marriage and civil partnership status, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation.

What impact could this proposal have on particular people if it became law? If you do not have a view skip to next question.

Please explain the reasons for your answer and if there are any ways you think the proposal could avoid negative impacts on particular people.

It won't impact anyone that is not involved in the drug scene that I can think of. It will only impact positively on people that it helps

### Sustainability

Q15. Any new law can impact on work to protect and enhance the environment, achieve a sustainable economy, and create a strong, healthy, and just society for future generations.

Do you think the proposal could impact in any of these areas? If you do not have a view then skip to next question.

Please explain the reasons for your answer, including what you think the impact of the proposal could be, and if there are any ways you think the proposal could avoid negative impacts?

It would have a positive impact on dealing with drug related materials, discarded needles etc from public places. Apart from being an eyesore they are dangerous if picked up or touched