

Drug Death Prevention (Scotland) Bill

About You

Q1. Are you responding as:

An individual

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 (Note: The name will not be published if you have asked for the response to be anonymous or "not for publication".)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

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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.

I believe this is the best route to allow people with a drug addiction to use their drugs in a safe environment. Making sure no one dies due to over dose. We want drugs and drug paraphernalia off the street this is how we do it. In a safe controlled environment. Others forget that people who are addicted to drugs are human also. They are someone's child, sibling, parent, family, partner or friend. We need to give them a humane space that reminds them they do matter. Someone does care. I whole heartedly agree with this Bill.

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 agree with exactly what Paul is doing. I see no other way. Legislation is required for sure. I stand by this entirely.

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.

As preciously mentioned I believe it allows a safe space for people with drug addictions to be safe from death due to over dose. It takes drugs and drug paraphernalia off the streets. It reminds people who have addiction that they are cared for. They matter too all while being done in a very humane way.

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 think this is important because we don't want centres opening up that aren't going to meet the requirements needed. Ie trained medical staff. Clean equipment. Sharps bins that aren't disposed of properly. This all has to be licenced and regulated. We're wanting this to be a better system. All working the same way.

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.

I agree this should be over seen by a new body. The Scottish government have so many issues to deal with, my history with them shows they can't fully be aware of everything. Creating a panel who deal specifically with this matter in hand will be beneficial. They will be aware of all the details etc.

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?

no overall change 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.

We already have high costs with drug deaths, drug paraphernalia on streets and specialist teams cleaning it up. I don't see how costs would change given we could cut the services previously used to utilise the new centres. We would see less drug paraphernalia on the streets, less deaths so I believe it may balance out. If not and its higher costs, i don't think we can put a price on a human life. I think they need to fund this. It works and has worked else where why not utilise 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.

I don't think any of that comes into play with this. This is about a person with a drug addiction not wanting to accidentally die taking a drug they are compelled to take. I don't see what gender, colour, race, religion or sensuality should come into it. We are all one species. Human and if that's not a good enough to give anyone a chance on life I don't know ow what is. If anyone tries to make this about other issues other than trying to safe a human life shame on them.

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?

I think the new law will change the future for sure. Anyone who finds themselves with an addiction would knkw there were safe spaces to use drugs without the fear of dying. Without the fear of dirty needles. Without having nowhere safe to dispose of equipment used. So it would change a society of future generations of addicts. Instead of taking drugs on streets they would be aware of safe areas where they weren't being judged or risking being charged by the police. This would make them more appealing. Also in the long run maybe this would help addicts want to reach out for help at least it's a starting point. I don't see how any of it could be negative