



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

Fully supportive

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.

OPC operators and users need legal protection and significant support from the government. Therefore, the amendior creation of new laws in this area is appropriate. And overdue.

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.**

OPC's are a key part of a solution to Scotland's drug death catastrophe. They provide a safe and well regulated place for drug users to use drugs. This crucial step alone saves lives and stops the spread of blood borne viruses such as Hepatitis and HIV/AIDS. Additionally, OPC's act as an important community hub where drug users can meet, discuss their problems with each other and with healthcare professionals, get information and advices on the issues the face, and potentially take the first steps towards recovery.

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?**

The approach suggested seems sensible.

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.**

The suggestions appear sensible and an independent body would be able to provide increased clarity in this area.

## 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?

a significant reduction 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.**

Establishing a national network of OPC's and a new SDDC will be a cost-effective method of tackling Scotland's drug death crisis.

## 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 can only see positive impacts on the communities the proposed OPC's would serve.

## 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?

The proposed Bill would certainly help create a healthier and more just future society. Economically, it would be cost effective and environmentally, at the very least there would be less unsafe drug injecting equipment littering our communities streets.