

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".)

Professional with experience in a relevant subject

Optional: You may wish to explain briefly what expertise or experience you have that is relevant to the subject-matter of the consultation:

I have both personal experience of addiction and multiple years working across the homeless and addiction sectors.

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 (Note: The name will not be published if you have asked for the response to be anonymous or "not for publication".)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

Partially supportive

Please explain the reasons for your response.

I support a place where people are able to use in a safe manner. I feel a city centre one in a Scottish city text won't have the same effect as one in a city with a high portion of street homeless injecting drug users. Due to this I am unsure the impact these will have on the drug deaths, knowing that most who have died have died alone.

I support safe consumption rooms but they must have an avenue to immediate assistance and treatment on request. Remembering that these who use it will be desperate.

But I do believe we need this as part of the network of what is needed, it cannot stand alone.

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.

Possibly. It would depend on if another agreement can be reached to ensure those who use it don't face prosecution or are targeted on their way there as it would be known they will have drugs on them. If an agreement can't be reached there then yes, legislation is needed, or even amended current legislation.

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

Partially supportive

Please explain the reasons for your response.

Centres is key here. We should have these in deprived areas, in health centres etc. One in a city centre will have no effect.

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

Neutral (neither support nor oppose)

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 do not really agree the HSPPCs should regulate or license these. I would much prefer an independent body does these, maybe a nation wide body like a regulator. Locally these should be managed by localised groups who are interested. That way trust will be there in these communities already. There is already a lack of trust.

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

Neutral (neither support nor oppose)

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 am unsure how a stand alone one would look but do support the establishment of a regulatory body and or a think tank/steering group. This must be independent and whose sole aim is this. For too long these types of groups are led by funded orgs and so trust isn't there.

I would also like to see a Council established for other possibilities- such as recovery

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 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.

This would save money as time went on. Knowing that discarded needles and any current asb costs money to the system.

Like anything it will cost money to set up initially but I believe will save money when done right, across various sectors including criminal justice and the NHS.

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.

No. I cannot see how it would have an adverse impact on anyone with a protected characteristic

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?

If ran correctly it should enhance areas who already see street injecting or discarded needles etc. But they need to be run right, taking into account the stigma they would bring