

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.

The Bill will allow us to save people's lives. In order to try and tackle drug related issues in society, we need to be mature and recognise that some people take drugs. As unfortunate as it is, that's the way things are just now, and people who take drugs need and deserve the safest possible conditions in which to do this so that we can begin to reduce the unacceptable number of drug related deaths which sadly still occur in this country.

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.

Legislation is required because our drug laws are so strict and draconian that people are simply unable to properly help those who need it without potentially falling foul of the law (see Peter Krykant's caution)

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 previously, overdose prevention centres save lives. It's as simple as that.

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?

Fully supportive of the proposal that the centres are run by HSC partnerships as believe issues like these are best dealt with at the most local level possible, rather than a centralised response which might not necessarily meet the needs of everywhere as best as possible.

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 think it's vital that an impartial body like this is set up so that the drugs crisis we face can be looked at in as objective a way as possible in order to best tackle it.

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.

The OPCs need not be extremely high-tech or expensive. If Peter Krykant was able to run one out the back of a repurposed minivan then we do not need to be spending vast fortunes in order to make an effective service that works for people.

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 Response

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?

A minor impact on the environment is that it may very slightly reduce the litter caused by drug paraphernalia and used needles but apart from that I don't see it having any impact.