

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

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

Direct experience working with customers enduring all stages and levels of addiction. Working in conjunction with professionals in drug addiction, support work and medical support to customers with addictions and their wider family. Referrals to addiction agencies

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 (Note: The name will not be published if you have asked for the response to be anonymous or "not for publication".)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

A change of approach is needed as only one part of the attempt to break down the gallus behaviour which makes scotlands situation with drugs drastically worse than elsewhere in the UK and Europe. My concerns are that it only addresses the needs of the addicts and not the damage they cause to society and their environs. The concerns of residents near to prevention units will be completely understandable if the people using them continue to demonstrate indifference and disrespect to the rest of society and start to see the prevention units as an entitlement as opposed to an attempt to help them with which they should yearn to engage. So i have concerns but the safe use to take people away from drugs demands this sort of measure

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 not required. The Scottish Government has all the powers it needs to implement the aims of the bill and all the funding it needs

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.

It is only part of the solution. Other options are needed. For example removing addicts from the social environment and circle of family and friends in which they are faced with a choice to use drugs or not. Medical and support staff must work forcefully to restrict and prevent the anti social attitude of users. The necessary prevention centres must be seen by addicts as a help to reintegrate in society and help them, not as a right they can take up and discard at will

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

Partially 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?

Need to address the anti social and selfish social disregard which accompanies many addicts who dont see their lives as out of control and continue to regard themselves as cock of the north in society

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

Partially opposed

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 is the general job of the adequately funded scottish government and existing health bodies already

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.

If done properly then the after addiction support is needed to ensure the longer term value of the programme. At present support teams only deal with people willingly using their services. If they had proper responsibility and concern for the persons health they would monitoring them more regularly throughout an extended programme. For example if they dont attend for an appointment they must check on safeguarding grounds that the person hasnt lapsed. At present they would not follow up

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.

None

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?

No effect