

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

Q3. Please select the category which best describes your organisation:

No Response

Q4. Please choose one of the following:

I would like this response to be published anonymously

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 (Note: The name will not be published if you have asked for the response to be anonymous or "not for publication".)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

Neutral (neither support nor oppose)

Please explain the reasons for your response.

The drug death situation is complex

Demography is an issue

Safe drugs rooms have made little difference in Vancouver to the numbers dying

The age of the dead reflects the high usage about 20 years ago in Scotland

Current drug usage is less heroin based and more benzodiazepines cocaine and green herbal cannabis none of which need safe rooms.

So the approach might better be directed at mental health , social issues and the poor education and housing record of the Scottish Government

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.

Scottish Government have been too keen on legislating and not punishing wrongdoers ie those who fail to comply

It's a change of government and national policy in social issues that's required.

Less focus on constitutional issues and more on solving problems is required

Funding is key. Investment in long term solutions and proper mental health support are the ways forward.

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

Neutral (neither support nor oppose)

Please explain the reasons for your response.

It's not the answer in isolation and addresses one aspect only of drug abuse.

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?

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

It has to be carefully regulated and policed or these places might become a magnet for dealers and criminal activity.

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's not required. We have the local health boards and a police service

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.

Setting this up and a quango to manage it will have inevitable costs

If not licensed and managed and audited and policed it will like virtually every other creation of the Scottish Government be a weeping financial sore

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.

Impossible to say generally

It will affect the communities in which they are sited. They will attract drug users addicts and dealers.

Probably other criminals will be drawn h th ere

They may provide life saving services for the users

They are unlikely to reduce deaths overall

They will cost wider society in the capital outlay and ongoing expenses

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 doubt that long term they will have a substantial positive affect
Short term they may provide drug users with a focus and a place to go.
One might argue their provision will prolong the addiction rather than provide a solution to drug abuse in society
It's fanciful to suggest they will proved a just society