

Q6. Data protection declaration

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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 opposed

Please explain the reasons for your response.

Although I believe that providing safe areas for drug use, I believe that as a nation Scotland has a culture of substance abuse, including alcohol, that requires to be rectified. This has to do with recognising the socio-economic factors that impact on both substance misuse abuse and criminality. Until this culture is remedied providing safer areas to use substances is in my view a sticking plaster on a heamoraging wound.

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.

I believe stronger legislation is required for those who benefit from the drugs trade I'm Scotland, including harsher sentencing. There should be support for those affected by substance abuse, but those generating incomes from that abuse should face longer prison sentences. As a nation we need to educate our children away from substance abuse and offer them opportunities to move away from that culture.

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

Partially opposed

Please explain the reasons for your response.

Although providing safer areas to take drugs, this would in my view only be used by a minority of users who would overdose. These centres would, in my view, be used by substance abusers in less chaotic lifestyles. Those with a chaotic lifestyle would still choose to abuse drugs where they are situated rather than travel to a safe location. Chaotic drug users are probably the ones most likely to overdose.

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?

The OPC's would provide safer areas for users and allow them to move towards a less chaotic lifestyle, which may in turn lead to rehabilitation. Any proposal must have the end goal of rehabilitation rather than a safe continuation of the abuse. The rehabilitation should be driven by the individual and not forced by the process, although the aims of the process should be clear and supported.

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

Partially 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 would question the need to set up another government body rather than have the current one reviewed and changed to meet the challenges.

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 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.

Generally the people involved in substance abuse will be involved in other aspects of chaotic lifestyles, so the expenditure currently shown against hospital admissions will not be totally removed. This therefore should not be used to balance the books to create a new organisation

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?

No Response