

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)

Fully supportive

Please explain the reasons for your response.

There is plenty of research evidence to show that supervised drug using facilities can reduce the number of unplanned overdose drug deaths.

It is deeply frustrating to see Westminster - yet again - blocking a sensible public health initiative in Scotland to reduce risks arising from the misuse of drugs.

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 will certainly help - otherwise those providing such support will find themselves at risk of police intervention

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.

While such facilities are not 100 % effective they have been shown to reduce the number of unplanned overdose deaths.

They also provide an important facility where drug users can, when they are ready to do so, make contact with services which can help them towards rehabilitation

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?

While not essential - a licensing regime would help to ensure legitimacy and wider public support from such an important programme

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.

Scotland - is different from much of the rest of the UK.

It has, for many years been frustrating that all drug legislation has been controlled from Westminster.

While that will not change immediately - an independent Scottish Drug Deaths Council will at least provide a focus for Scottish action.

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.

These will be public sector facilities.

All public sector facilities are already under extreme financial pressure - particularly social care and health services.

It would therefore be very difficult to fund such facilities within existing budgets.

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?

I would like to think that it could contribute to creating a more just society for future generations - in addition to saving lives and, hopefully, guiding some of the attending drug users to successful rehabilitation programmes