

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.

I am wholly in support of a public health-oriented approach to illegal drugs and fully support safe consumption spaces, but I am concerned at the unnecessary insistence on only allowing licensing for HSCPs (or "equivalents", presumably meaning other state bodies). The state keeping OPCs inhouse is fraught with potential problems, not least the lack of dynamism usually found in decision-making. Third sector orgs need to be able to provide such services, too.

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 see the usefulness of legislation in legitimizing such services, but legislation will potentially make it harder for a grassroots organisation or individual (like Peter Krykant) to operate services in the future.

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.

Our drug death problem must be dealt with seriously, and OPCs are an obvious tool.

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?

As noted in previous answers, I am concerned at this being a wholly state-led regime.

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.

Good oversight, especially if structured as envisaged in the consultation. However, I would like a majority of members to not be from SG, LA, or NHS ie third-sector & drug users should have a majority. Chair/convener shouldn't be from a state org.

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?

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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.

I cannot see any negative effects, given that it seeks to help some of our most vulnerable citizens.

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?

The proposal is clearly intended to create a more healthy and socially just society.