

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.

The time has come to change the way we look at the situation with more compassion and support. Many lives are ruined and this is a truly forward thinking way to support people without degrading them further and potentially causing more damage.

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.

Yes I believe the legislation is needed. The legislation needs to lay out how these prevention/consumption rooms can be created and integrated in places where people need them most, in the heart of communities and protect those who are in the support positions from fearing prosecution.

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.

These centres are used in other countries as a means to help those who need it. They should be open and accessible to all who need it. As far as i am aware, these centres do not promote drug use but do provide a safe, clean and secure place for addicts to go where Support services are available for them. It will also reduce reliance on the NHS which is stretched as is by placing key people in position to work with those who require it

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?

I think the points listed on the proposed conditions are sufficient

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.

I fully support this. The most important part of this inclusion of the lived experience. Far too many times have those who have lived it have not had there voices heard. I include the police officers in this too, those who are in the community and know the people and faces who genuinely care about the community they work in, they should be listened to as well.

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 reduction 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.

I would say initially theres a chance of increased costs but i think in the long run the costs would come down especially the burden on social work, NHS, police etc

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 think theres a lot of potential for it to be a good thing for working towards a better country. It would especially help towards clearing up the areas most affected by the continuing push of making it illegal.