



## 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.**

The evidence, the lived experiences clearly support this as an accessible service.  
Legislative protection for the providers and users of this service is vital

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.

As previously stated, I believe legislative protection is required.  
There are other ways to achieve the aims but they are reliant on goodwill/cooperation and that could be subject to external pressure

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.**

Evidence shows they save lives, they provide a safety net.  
They give people some dignity and a route to other services or support

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 terms set out for licensing are broadly appropriate for the protection of service users, workers and the wider community.  
I have some concerns around risk averse professionals and would like a pathway for responses when there are concerns or breaches of the license that don't go straight to closing a facility

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.**

An independent body that is led by health/ social work professionals, support agencies, police representative and people with lived experience will be better placed to impartially take forward proposals to current and future Scottish government.

## 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.**

The set up costs would be the main financial pressure.

I believe this could be partially mitigated by careful selection of existing premises and recycling of furniture and equipment.

Staff could potentially be allocated from existing addiction teams.

Over time the reduction of emergency hospital attendance, social work crisis would potentially balance out against the expenditure.

I believe ongoing funding should be through integrated health and social work budgets but I would hope some start up funding could be achieved from both scotgov and the UK government

## 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.

Other than a moral panic in those who believe the zero tolerance and criminalisation policies currently work I can see very little negative impact.

I see a significant positive impact for communities

## 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?

It will improve the surrounding environment and I see no issues for the wider environment.

This is a positive step towards a stronger, healthier and more just society and that can only be good for a sustainable economy