

Drug Death Prevention (Scotland) Bill

About You

Q1. Are you responding as:

An individual

Q2. Which of the following best describes you? (If you are a professional or academic, but not in a subject relevant to the consultation, please choose "Member of the public".)

Professional with experience in a relevant subject

Optional: You may wish to explain briefly what expertise or experience you have that is relevant to the subject-matter of the consultation:

I spent many years in the criminal justice system watching sadly the revolving doors and criminalisation of what is essentially a medical health issue. Despite being out of the field for a number of years I still am passionate about safe places for all with addiction issues to be treated with respect and compassion. The dedication Peter has displayed without assistance lays bear to the fact until we follow a Portuguese example of help and decriminalisation we have lost the ability to help our people with an educated and caring approach

Q3. Please select the category which best describes your organisation:

No Response

Q4. Please choose one of the following:

I would like this response to be published anonymously

If you have requested anonymity or asked for your response not to be published, please give a reason. (Note: your reason will not be published.)

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Please provide your name or the name of your organisation. (Note: The name will not be published if you have asked for the response to be anonymous or "not for publication".)

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Q5. Please provide a way in which we can contact you if there are queries regarding your response. Email is preferred but you can also provide a postal address or phone number. (Note: We will not publish these contact details.)

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Q6. Data protection declaration

In order to proceed, please confirm that you have read and understood the Privacy Notice contained on Page 1

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)

Fully supportive

Please explain the reasons for your response.

It is way overdue that we took a holistic and health driven approach to people with addiction issues . I worked with women in the sex industry for example who were paraded before courts (reliving doors) who were repeatedly fined for either drugs or their work , only to be fined yet again. Absolutely punitive approach forcing people back onto the streets to pay their fine via work to support their addiction issues.

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.

A rational and constructive debate about the criminalisation of drug users as opposed to the narrow minded blinkered attack on people who need care and support . Decriminalisation would be a healthy open debate however over 25 years in the field the arrogance and ignorance of some professionals beggars belief

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.

It will create safe spaces for people. It will create an environment for clean works / needle exchange etc. It will allow people to access help and feel less marginalised. People will be able to build up trust and if ready access help

Q11. Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposal for a licensing regime to enable the establishment of overdose prevention centres?

Neutral (neither support nor oppose)

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?

In all honesty I have not read the full proposals but I am in favour of safe spaces immediately. I do not feel people suffering will necessarily feel validated in a space because the authorities local authorities the police etc have granted permission quite the opposite. While drugs remain illegal the vulnerable need not to feel anxious on potentially feeling targeted more than they already are

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

Partially supportive

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.

You don't have to be a rocket scientist to work out the cost of bringing someone to court , incarcerating them the cost of petty theft to support an addiction etc to work it out . Caring will conquer and reduce costs especially with the very young entering a lifetime of needing ongoing support.

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?

Let's have a legal educated open debate on the protection of life of those thrown to the fringes of society like other countries do