

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".)

Member of the public

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

I'm based in Dundee and recently lost my son due to addiction. My Partner also works in this field.

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

No Response

Q4. Please choose one of the following:

I am content for this response to be published and attributed to me or my organisation

If you have requested anonymity or asked for your response not to be published, please give a reason. (Note: your reason will not be published.)

Drug deaths in Scotland, continue to be our nations shame. One of the many issues the Scottish Government continue to fail us on. I have only recently lost my eldest son, which I attribute to him being failed by the Scottish Government's inadequate action, on tackling the huge problem we have with drugs in Scotland, and Dundee in particular. I feel, as it is generally viewed to be an issue in deprived areas, nothing meaningful is being done and the individuals concerned are worth less as human beings. While the drug issue is widespread in our communities, nothing seems to be forthcoming to look at the root causes of this problem such as poverty. Nothing will bring my son back, but these deaths are preventable.

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 (Note: The name will not be published if you have asked for the response to be anonymous or "not for publication".)

James McGuinness (LOCHEE, DUNDEE)

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.

Anything that will mean, other parents do not have to endure the pain and grief of losing a child or family member, must be viewed as a positive action. I welcome this bill.

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, legislation is favourable. Education and awareness would be helpful also.

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.

A positive action.

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 Ideally I would like to see this facility administered by NHS staff. Privatisation by stealth has gone too far, and needs to be reversed in time. In our current run down state it would be unfair to increase the burden on staff. Therefore it would probably best fall on the third sector to provide this valuable service. One bonus the third sector could provide, is the ability to innovate and accept new practices.

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 new body, provided it was independent of Scottish Government influence. On far too many issues that adversely affect the Scottish people, the Government have influence and effectively mark their own homework so to speak.

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?

a significant 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.

A significant increase in costs initially, but it would be desirable to see these costs being reversed long term?

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 really don't see the new law affecting any particular protected characteristics more than another. Unforeseen issues may arise in practice.

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?

No Response