

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 the only demonstrably effective way of dealing with Scotland's drug death epidemic. It would not only save lives but provide an avenue to assist people in other ways with the underlying problems that put them at risk of overdose. It could be the beginning of a wider appraisal of how we deal with drug use and its associated societal 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.

Legislation is absolutely required to ensure the Bill's aims are met and that the issue is properly addressed. Committed people have already been working in the "grey areas" around current legislation, and meet official indifference or even resistance under the legal status quo.

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.

They will save lives. People can only recover from addiction if they can survive it. They can help inform people at risk of overdose about other services they can access to 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?

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?

Licensing is essential to maintain public support for the legal framework through public oversight. Health and social care are the appropriate bodies to scrutinise this work.

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

Neutral (neither support nor oppose)

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 operation and management of the proposal would require investment. The overall societal economic change would ultimately be beneficial through improving health outcomes and the consequent reduction of the burden on health and social care.

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 can't see how this proposal could have a negative impact on any of these areas.

Removing high risk drug use from public areas is a clearly a benefit to our environment. Keeping vulnerable people alive to recover is clearly a benefit to our overall societal health and economy. Protecting vulnerable drug users is clearly the moral and just course of action.