

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".)

Politician (MSP/MP/peer/MEP/Councillor)

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

I am 29 months in recovery and run a private peer support group helping 1600 with my lived experience

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

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 (Note: The name will not be published if you have asked for the response to be anonymous or "not for publication".)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

If we hope to reduce the drug deaths we need safe consumption rooms , but we also need to have a trauma informed drug reform , people are dying mostly in their homes , we need to reach those very people , something which I do in my peer support group with huge success

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.

I really think it needs to be made a public health concern addiction , instead of a criminal matter , if we want to help addicts and reduce the high drug death rates we need to help people not criminalise them because we don't understand their Aces or Addiction or Mental Health , stigma is a huge part kf why addicts don't interact with services imo

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.

People are going to use drugs , we need to make that process a better controlled environment, one set up to help the individual , looking at their entire history , and seeing where help is needed , safe spaces are crucial in this fight

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

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

Partially 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 partly support as I'm wondering what effect it would actually have on the drug deaths , there are many lived experience panels and organisations but who in the main have little effect at govt level , there's a barrier between govt and the people , as most msp's haven't suffered , Aces , Trauma , Addiction etc so don't fully understand that journey

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

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.

People from poorer backgrounds are 18x more likely to become addicts , imo more money needs spent in communities Warning of the dangers and for people who get into recovery there has to be much more all round support , when I got into Recovery 29 months ago I received no support from anyone , either for my Addiction or Mental Health and certainly not financially , my addiction lasted 27 years and my recovery I've had to start again , not easy , but I start work as an addiction support worker with the sdf soon , but I've done all this on my own without any support

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