

Q6. Data protection declaration

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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)

Partially supportive

Please explain the reasons for your response.

Totally support the need for OPC's this is essential in saving lives and for hopefully opening the discussion around future drug policy. However as is often the case the proposal for their placements is centred in a small geographical area.

I work in a large county and can speak from experience that having all resources in one main city does not work and marginalises those living outside of these areas as they are often restricted by poor infrastructure and cannot afford to travel distances to receive treatment. If drug dealers offer home deliveries then services need to look at similar accessibility

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 needed to create safety and consistency - this will hopefully in turn aid future legislation and discussion in drug policies

Q10. Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposal to establish overdose prevention centres?

Partially supportive

Please explain the reasons for your response.

See previous comments around accessibility-but totally in favour of OPC

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?

Drug use is only part of the solution and as the proposal suggests OPC's is not a silver bullet. The right services need to work in a multifaceted way to improve outcomes for service users

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.

The make up of this group needs careful consideration- drug deaths are avoidable but lessons cannot be learnt if the relevant services are not sat at the table / made accountable. In my own experience mental health services are always a missing agency and yet play such a crucial part. This isn't a blame game - working together makes agencies stronger and improves outcomes.

In addition for every single drug death you can times the impact four-fold, parents, siblings, partners and children - where are their voices? What are we doing to reduce their ACE's / hidden harm (let's not create a forgotten generation)

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 reduction 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.

There will always be opposing businesses who like to believe/portray this does not happen on my doorstep.

But overall reduction of costs on services will speak for themselves

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?

As per previous answer - for every single drug death you can times the impact at least four-fold, parents, siblings, partners and children - where are their voices? What are we doing to reduce their ACE's / hidden harm (let's not create a forgotten generation)