

Proposed Domestic Abuse (Prevention) (Scotland) Bill

Introduction

A proposal for a Bill to make provision for the prevention of domestic abuse and improve support for those affected, including by requiring: those convicted of offences related to domestic abuse to provide information for a register; use of this information to prevent further harm; use of rehabilitation measures in relation to offences related to domestic abuse; collation and reporting of data related to domestic abuse; and domestic abuse education in schools.

The consultation runs from 29 August 2022 to 20 November 2022

All those wishing to respond to the consultation are strongly encouraged to enter their responses electronically through this survey. This makes collation of responses much simpler and quicker. However, the option also exists of sending in a separate response (in hard copy or by other electronic means such as e-mail), and details of how to do so are included in the member's consultation document.

Questions marked with an asterisk (*) require an answer.

All responses must include a name and contact details. Names will only be published if you give us permission, and contact details are never published – but we may use them to contact you if there is a query about your response. If you do not include a name and/or contact details, we may have to disregard your response.

Please note that you must complete the survey in order for your response to be accepted. If you don't wish to complete the survey in a single session, you can choose "Save and Continue later" at any point. Whilst you have the option to skip particular questions, you must continue to the end of the survey and press "Submit" to have your response fully recorded.

Please ensure you have read the consultation document before responding to any of the questions that follow. In particular, you should read the information contained in the document about how your response will be handled. The consultation document is available here:

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On the previous page we asked you if you are UNDER 12 YEARS old, and you responded Yes to this question.

If this is the case, we will have to contact your parent or guardian for consent.

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Otherwise please confirm that you are or are not under 12 years old.

No Response

About you

Please choose whether you are responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation.
Note: If you choose "individual" and consent to have the response published, it will appear under your own name. If you choose "on behalf of an organisation" and consent to have the response published, it will be published under the organisation's name.

an individual

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.

My expertise or experience is with Police Scotland, SLCC, PIRC, COPF and two sets of unprofessional lawyers.

I am qualified by experience and left horrified at corrupt the system is.

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In my experience Police Scotland will protect the person who is charged only to protect themselves. I am a serious crime survivor. More info on links below.

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Please select the category which best describes your organisation

No Response

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 Full Name or the name of your organisation. (Only give the name of your organisation if you are submitting a response on its behalf).

(Note: the name will not be published if you have asked for the response to be anonymous or "not for publication". Otherwise this is the name that will be published with your response).

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Please provide details of 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.

We will not publish these details.

[REDACTED]

Aim and approach - Note: All answers to the questions in this section may be published (unless your response is "not for publication").

Q1. Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposed Bill? (Please note that this question is compulsory.)

Fully supportive

Please explain the reasons for your response.

Sex Offenders Register is positive step forward and will give the victim some sort of protection. In my case [REDACTED] who replied to a letter to him wrote on the 26th June 2018; who thanked me for copying him in on a communication to the Justice Committee. [REDACTED] was sorry to hear of the difficulties I was experiencing. [REDACTED] further stated

"I would wish to assure you of the Scottish Governments commitment to ensuring that all of Scotland's citizens – irrespective of gender – are protected from sexual offences and that victims of such offences are properly supported throughout the criminal justice system". This did not happen in my case although it produced a child. The sexual assault took place the day after is was released from hospital after my second back operation in a year. I was helpless and in severe pain. The event produced a child who may or not be mine.

I believe if charged and not convicted due to cover ups that can be proved as in my case they should still be on a sexual offenders register.

Q2. Do you think legislation is required, or are there other ways in which the proposed Bill's aims could be achieved more effectively? Please explain the reasons for your response.

It's a good start; I am sure there will be the opportunity to add to this Proposed Domestic Abuse (Prevention) (Scotland) Bill in the future.

Domestic Abuse Register

Q3. Which of the following best expresses your view on creating a register of those convicted of domestic abuse related offences?

Fully supportive

Please explain the reasons for your response. Please include any views you have on the list of policy details set out in bold on pages 23 and 24 of the consultation document.

Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) is a great idea working in partnership with other relevant agencies
for example: - "should anyone entering into a new relationship with anyone on the domestic abuse register

Q3. Which of the following best expresses your view on creating a register of those convicted of domestic abuse related offences?

automatically be told?"

Yes indeed; decreases the chances of abuse later on in a relationship. RED FLAGS; buyer be aware for want of a better description.

In summary, your views would be welcome on:

a) what the criteria should be for someone being put on the register?;

Charged, also charged and convicted.

b) what the criteria should be for remaining on the register, and for how long?

10 years although maybe longer in some cases; depends on the age of the offender.

c) what the notification requirements should be of anyone on the register, including what information they should be required to provide initially, and what information they should be required to update where necessary?

The person's details should be on a Disclosure Scotland PVG register along with the sex offender's register. The sex offender should have regular check ups by a parole officer or have to check in at a police station to ensure that all relevant paperwork is in order to ensure that its harder for other sexual or domestic abuser character is known. Also adds as a deterrent.

d) which public bodies should have access to the information on the register and for what purposes?

Them all; leave no stone unturned.

e) when a public body such as the Police should share this information with others such as a new partner?

The family of the new partner.

and

f) in what circumstances should a new partner or certain other individuals have the right to receive details of the convictions and other relevant information about an individual on the register?

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The introduction of mandatory rehabilitation measures is a creative initiative and I would also suggest anger management sessions too. Anger is usually a secondary emotion; underlying anger is fear and sadness along with shame, guilt low self esteem etc. Getting to the root cause of someone's behaviour is where the sustainable change occurs. Anger is an outcome for the other emotions mentioned.

Rehabilitation Measures

Q4. Which of the following best expresses your view of introducing mandatory rehabilitation measures for those convicted of domestic abuse?

Fully supportive

Please explain the reasons for your response. Please include any views you have on the list of policy details set out in bold on page 26 of the consultation document.

Fully supportive. I would also add to the list "Restorative Justice Services" which was announced in Scotland May 2020. As a Sexual Abuse survivor, I would wish to ask the perpetrator WHY? Also, the impact on defrauding [REDACTED] and myself. For the female to understand the child is also a victim. WHY did she do this to him?

To gain a further understanding of the years of psychological, emotional and financial abuse. Explain the affect her behaviours had on my family and still to this day. To hear at first hand my victim's statement and the affect her behaviours and her husband had on my health. She was charged under Section 84 Postal

Q4. Which of the following best expresses your view of introducing mandatory rehabilitation measures for those convicted of domestic abuse?

Services act 2000 (with domestic abuse aggravation) as it was intentional withheld from me. It was financial fraud.

Giving the victim the opportunity to explain they now know what "Gaslighting" means and give the victim a chance to expose the tactics. I would also wish to do the same with the Police Officers who were apt at gaslighting as can be backed up in a PIRC report. WHY? I am sure the answer will be "JUST FOLLOWING ORDERS"

Further explain of my awareness of the tactic Deny, Attack, Victim, Reverse Offender. DAVRO. A certain type of personality is exceptionally good at this. However, I have educated myself on such types of abhorrent behaviours.

By handing back to Police Scotland who I am a victim of their tactics / criminality as well as [REDACTED]; I am sure this will aid my health and also increase my personal power over such inhuman behaviours. The full record of other items in the email from PS on the 25th Dec 2015 suggested they were civil matters. I disagree with some of their views. They were criminal acts not civil. However, the two reviewing officers' mission from above was to ensure this never got to court as it would damage PS reputation. Plus, [REDACTED] has powerful legal friends including a cousin as a sitting Sherriff.

I have no legal restrictions in exposing all tactics by the Scottish Justice System and this will happen in due course. Hopefully in court.

The perpetrator should pay for the measures themselves.

Data

Q5. Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposals for data collection and reporting set out in the consultation document in bold on pages 30 and 31?

Unsure

Please explain the reasons for your response including what information could usefully be collated and which groups in society could most benefit from improved information on their access to domestic abuse services and support.

I fully support this idea. I have already stated in other submitted and published reports that my experiences are probably the tip of the iceberg. The situation is larger than me and I will not rest until the system is changed for all Scottish people with special focus on those with disabilities. The vulnerable minorities in society. I may add this also valid for the BAME communities who are also part of the vulnerable minorities in Scotland.

Targeting and tailored approach is necessary as needs vary.

Educating children at school is a positive and innovative step in the right direction. Children are exposed to such acts at home and school is a safe place to learn and maybe report such behaviour's.

Education

Q6. Which of the following best expresses your view of introducing mandatory education in schools on domestic abuse?

Unsure

Please explain the reasons for your response including any comments on the issues in bold on page 32 of the consultation document.

Statistically more woman and girls are abused than men. However, males are also abused too and can

Q6. Which of the following best expresses your view of introducing mandatory education in schools on domestic abuse?

understand why there is a gender bias in these questions. Domestic Abuse is not gender specific. This stereotyping has to change.

I appreciate the financial implications; however, what is the financial implications if this Bill does not proceed? What is the cost to individuals and their families?

Bringing awareness into the classroom will be useless if the appropriate services are not in place.

Financial Implications

Q7. 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.

Hard one to answer at this stage. All depends how many of the proposals are accepted into Law.

Equalities

Q8. 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.

Unsure how to answer this question! What impact on society if nothing changes?

Sustainability

Q9. 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?

Positive impact in all areas for now and future generations. We are led to believe Scotland is a progressive country. The proof is in the eating.

General

Q10. Do you have any other additional comments or suggestions on the proposed Bill (which have not already been covered in any of your responses to earlier questions)?

As things stand at present, in my experience the Scottish Justice system is reputation centred with more blockers than enablers to change due to vested interests etc.

As Eile Wiesel said "Always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor never the tormented."

Or if the Scottish Parliament decides against any of the proposals you have to ask WHY?

If we are neutral in situations of injustice, we have chosen the side of the oppressor.

If you require a copy of the email sent to me on the 22nd of Dec 2015 from PS or any other communication with Police Scotland, PIRC, COPF Glasgow plus reviewing Officer in Edinburgh, and also two sets of lawyers along with SLCC happy to provide. This will give you examples how they treat Autistics.

Thanks for the opportunity to submit as the exercise is quite cathartic.