

# Questions

## About you

(Note: Information entered in this “About You” section may be published with your response (unless it is “not for publication”), except where indicated in **bold**.)

1. Are you responding as:

- an individual – in which case go to Q2A
- on behalf of an organisation? – in which case go to Q2B

2A. 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)
- Professional with experience in a relevant subject
- Academic with expertise in a relevant subject
- 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 have worked with women who worked as prostitutes & have friends / met and talked with women & young men who worked in prostitutio

Am a woman and know / have known women who have worked / work in prostitution and

2B. Please select the category which best describes your organisation:

- Public sector body (Scottish/UK Government or agency, local authority, NDPB)
- Commercial organisation (company, business)
- Representative organisation (trade union, professional association)
- Third sector (charitable, campaigning, social enterprise, voluntary, non-profit)
- Other (e.g., clubs, local groups, groups of individuals, etc.)

Optional: You may wish to explain briefly what the organisation does, its experience and expertise in the subject-matter of the consultation, and how the view expressed in the response was arrived at (e.g., whether it is the view of particular officeholders or has been approved by the membership as a whole).

3. Please choose one of the following:

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

I would like this response to be published anonymously

I would like this response to be considered, but not published (“not for publication”)

If you have requested anonymity or asked for your response not to be published, please give a reason. **(Note: your reason will not be published.)**

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 **(Note: The name will not be published if you have asked for the response to be anonymous or “not for publication”.)**

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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.)**

### Data protection declaration

I confirm that I have read and understood the [Privacy Notice](#) to this consultation which explains how my personal data will be used.

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.

Please ONLY place an x in the brackets if you are UNDER 12 years of age.

# YOUR VIEWS ON THE PROPOSAL

**1. What is your view of introducing a new criminal offence of paying for sexual services? (This is the only mandatory question)**

- Fully supportive
- Partially supportive
- Neutral (neither support nor oppose)
- Partially opposed
- Fully opposed
- Don't want to express a view

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

I have read about and listened to talks about the Nordic Model which criminalises the buyer rather than the seller and think this is the best solution for women and the small percentage of men & children who are caught up in prostitution

**2. What is your view of repealing section 46 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982: the offence of soliciting for the purposes of prostitution in a public place?**

- Fully supportive
- Partially supportive
- Neutral (neither support nor oppose)
- Partially opposed
- Fully opposed
- Unsure

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

The majority of those caught up in prostitution are vulnerable, can have mental health problems, addictions, violent partners / pimps, come from backgrounds with trauma / sex abuse, etc. They need help not to be criminalised.

**3. What is your view of repealing previous convictions under section 46 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982: the offence of soliciting for the purposes of prostitution in a public place?**

- Fully supportive
- Partially supportive
- Neutral (neither support nor oppose)
- Partially opposed

- Fully opposed
- Unsure

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

This could help those (predominately women) caught up in prostitution rebuild their lives if they choose to exit.

**4. What is your view of giving people in prostitution the legal right to support?**

- Fully supportive
- Partially supportive
- Neutral (neither support nor oppose)
- Partially opposed
- Fully opposed
- Unsure

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

This can help prostitutes properly exit the sex trade & integrate back into society

**5. What is your view of including provisions for exiting services in the bill?**

- Fully supportive
- Partially supportive
- Neutral (neither support nor oppose)
- Partially opposed
- Fully opposed
- Unsure

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

There is a desperate need to provide services for those vulnerable and exploited ones in prostitution to be provided with help. Counselling, rehab & housing alongside help with getting into work or education would be a good investment into those affected.

**6. How should the proposed offence be enforced. Are there any particular techniques which you think should be used or obstacles which might need to be overcome?**

A person buying sexual services could be out on a register,

similar to a sex offenders register, along with a fine and / or community service.

7. **Do you believe that there are any new policing powers that would be necessary or beneficial for enforcing this offence?**

No, no policing powers necessary but possibly training by groups who advocate for the nordic model ty

8. **Please indicate which of the following forms of support and/or services you think should be provided for people in prostitution and exiting prostitution (place an x into the brackets of as many options as you agree with):**

- Exiting support workers
- Drop in services
- Outreach visits to brothels, saunas and other similar premises
- Specialist medical consultations
- Access to drug and alcohol services
- Access to counselling and psychological treatment services
- Specialist housing schemes for women in crisis
- Support to access education, training or work
- Financial advice, debt support etc
- Other (please give details)

**Please explain the reasons for your response and provide examples of best practice.**

As with drug and alcohol addiction, people need a range of services to help them exit and start along a new path. This can be seen as part of prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls as prostitution is a form of sexual violence as it does not improve a persons life and can cause a lot of damage and trauma.

9. **Please indicate which of the following ways of raising awareness of the new offence you believe to be most effective (choose as many as you agree with):**

- Internet and social media advertising
- TV advertising
- Print media advertising
- Billboards in public places and transport
- Leaflets to households
- Materials to support and exiting services for people involved in prostitution

- Materials targeted at areas where prostitution is known to occur
- Materials to health and mental health services
- Materials to further education sector
- Inclusion in secondary education (Relationship, Sexual Health, Parenting classes)
- Other (please give details)

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

The different ways of raising awareness needs to be tested and data collected to try to measure effectiveness. Don't think including it in RSHP is helpful, unless talking about prostitution to older pupils (15 / 16). Possibly better to inform teenagers about Nordic Model via social media, but needs research.

**10. 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 required, to make it clear and easy to understand by police force / judiciary and the public.

## **Resource implications**

**11. Taking into account all those likely to be affected (including public sector bodies, businesses and individuals etc), is the proposed Bill likely to lead to:**

- a significant increase in costs
- some increase in costs
- no overall change in costs
- some reduction in costs
- a significant reduction in costs
- do not wish to express a view

**Please indicate where you would expect the impact identified to fall (including public sector bodies, businesses and individuals etc). You may also wish to suggest ways in which the aims of the Bill could be delivered more cost-effectively.**

There will be extra costs in providing services and support but I hope that would balance out as those who exit prostitution will be more likely to be able to contribute positively to society and the economy. Hopefully they will be less of a drain on the health system, welfare and judiciary.

## Equalities

**12: Any new law can have an impact on different individuals and groups 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?**

**Please explain the reasons for your answer and if there are any ways you think the proposal could avoid negative impacts on particular people.**

It will have a huge positive effect on women. The only negative impact will be on individuals buying sexual services and pimps which I think is a good deterrent to stop the abuse of women, children and young men.

## Sustainability

**13. 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?**

It will have a positive impact.