

Proposed Sanitary Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill

Page 2: About you

Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

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

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

No Response

Please choose one of the following; if you choose the first option, please provide your name or the name of your organisation as you wish it to be published.

I would like this response to be anonymous (the response may be published, but no name)

Please insert your name or the name of your organisation. If you choose the first option above, this should be the name as you wish it to be published. If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

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.

Page 7: Your views on the proposal

Q1. Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposed Bill?

Fully Supportive

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Please explain the reasons for your response

In the real life there priority s & certainly what by some people. Is pennies sanitary items can b the difference between having Electricity, Gas or food or all three.. Money for transport etc etc This brings on humiliation low self esteem etc etc etc. Your Bill should be priority. Wether it go, s far enough is different matter but in politics compromises I suppose have to be made. Inequality is still alive and well and no doubt you will be asked What's the Cost!!! That's your Dept .But what are the long time consequences if you're Bill Doesn't Get passed in Any Form. This should be a cross party issue .But will it be especially that a lot of the people that are judging your Bill are not in the Real World (not had to go to food bank or struggle financially some there idea of a struggle is when they don't have tonic water for there Gin!!!)

Page 8: Universal provision of sanitary products

Q2. Do you think a universal, card-based system (modelled on the c-card system for free condoms) would be an effective means of providing sanitary products for free to those who need them?

Unsure

Please explain the reasons for your response

Because if there was no disclosure it might work but how many would register!! For it to work slot of planning has to be done. And who will be responsible for distribution .. Another question is where would the money come from to pay for it.. From public sector or Private?? Or a mix of Both??

Q3. Which of the following best expresses your view in relation to a card-based system?

The card should be available only to those on low incomes or in receipt of benefits; its use should be restricted (e.g. by limiting the number of products that may be claimed each month)

Please explain the reasons for your response.

Unfortunately there is not ever flowing supple of money so this may be a compromise ..The Big picture is cost & the time it takes to implement!! Maybe the Answer is Controlled of distribution ...Making sure the people in need get what they need when they need it !!

Q4. Do you have a view on which locations would be most suitable for dispensing free sanitary products (e.g. GP surgeries, pharmacies, community centres, health clinics)?

Good Question again it's all down to how much Cash is Available Who is targeted.?? Perfect Senario is All!! But that might not be Practice so may be start with one Distribution Centre say Health Centres or Clinic and if works ,move to all appropriate places.No good having it every where it Cash is going to run Out!!!!

Page 11: Schools, colleges and universities

Q5. Do you agree that there should be specific obligations on schools, colleges and universities to make sanitary products available for free (via dispensers in toilets)?

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Yes

Please explain the reasons for your response

Stop the embarrassment of being caught Short !! Equality for all students. !!

Page 12: Personal experience (questions 6 and 7 are for individual respondents only)

Q6. Have you ever struggled to access or afford sanitary products during menstruation? (e.g. financial barriers, unexpected circumstances, health issues)

Not applicable: I do not need or use sanitary products

Q7. If sanitary products were available for free, which of the following would apply to you?

Not applicable: I do not need or use sanitary products

Page 14: Financial implications

Q8. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have on:

	Significant increase in cost	Some increase in cost	Broadly cost-neutral	Some reduction in cost	Significant reduction in cost	Unsure
(a) Government and the public sector (e.g. local authorities, the NHS)			X			
(b) Colleges and universities			X			
(c) Businesses (including suppliers/retailers of sanitary products)			X			
(d) Individuals (including consumers of sanitary products)						X

Please explain the reasons for your response

It's all down to the legislature !! Where cost can be reduced by manufacturers may just be the needed (possible partnership, maybe product supplier put out to tender) The compromise of one product due to cost maybe

Q8. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have on:

what is needed.

Q9. Are there ways in which the Bill could achieve its aim more cost-effectively (e.g. by reducing costs or increasing savings)?

As said before joint partnerships, crossparty support ..Partnership between Health , Education, Private Sector and Public Sector.(To important an issue to put in one All of us should be responsible!)

Page 16: Equalities

Q10. What overall impact is the proposed Bill likely to have on equality, taking account of the following protected characteristics (under the Equality Act 2010): age, disability, gender re-assignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion and belief, sex, sexual orientation?

Positive

Please explain the reasons for your response

Just the beginning but this can only have repercussion and lead to more social Responsibility !!

Q11. In what ways could any negative impact of the proposed Bill on equality be minimised or avoided?

There has to be cheques and balances to control abuse and expenditure .Maybe even shaming opposition to this bill

Page 18: Sustainability

Q12. Do you consider that the proposed Bill can be delivered sustainably i.e. without having likely future disproportionate economic, social and/or environmental impacts?

Yes

Please explain the reasons for your response:

Planning and full costing,full contribution by all parties making this a moral issue But remember we don't know what the positive or negative effects of BREXIT there will be ??

Page 19: General

Q13. Do you have any other comments or suggestions on the proposal?

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So much depends how much crossparty support you can get ..Plus How much positive Vibes and support you can get from all Agencies.. Education, Health plus private sector. On this very important issue .This is only one of beginnings.....