

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

Please explain the reasons for your response

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I have 2 girls age 13 & 11. One of which started her period aged 8yo. It's expensive to buy sanitary products for 3 people in the house. This is a natural way of life and nature. Why should we pay for something nature intended, especially for children, and yet they get free eye tests and dental care! oh and you can get free condoms on the nhs! Free sanitary products are a must and this should have been done years ago!

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?

No

Please explain the reasons for your response

I have no idea what c-card is. Why confuse things. if you are female you should be able to pick up towels anytime. Id love to be able to send my kids to a shop to pick up their own towels with question. why should they get id or asked for a card?

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

There is no need for a card scheme

Please explain the reasons for your response.

Why should it be a card system when my girls want sanitary towels! Its like a library card! Towels should just be free to all women. Theres no need to have a selective process!

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)?

Pharmacies, GP (but they have certsin opening hours), health centres.
They have our medical records, why confuse life.

Community centres and libraries are the heart of the community and easily accessible too.

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)?

Yes

Please explain the reasons for your response

School teach Sex education and health & well being. Why not have free sanitary products for girls having

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periods. after all, the emptying of sanitary bins are provided!!!

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)

Yes, occasionally

Please explain or give an example of your experience if you feel able to do so.

When my young girls tell me last minute they've used the last packet of towels or I don't have any in stock. rolled up toilet roll has had to do for a night!

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

I would expect to claim free products regularly

Please explain the reasons for your response

Periods are a way of life not a life of pay.

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

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

Please explain the reasons for your response

Im a mum not an accountant. i don't understand the question. again, why should women pay for dimething they cant control and natural!

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

Free sanitary product to at least children under 16.

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

Periods are a part of life. why do we pay for this part of life?

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

None!

Theres nothing negative at all about this!

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:

Theres no environmental impact as women still need sanitary product.

Page 19: General

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

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Free Sanitary products is a must not a want.