

Consultation Questionnaire

Q1. Do you agree or disagree with the purpose of a National Confidential Forum?

Agree Disagree No preference

Comments

Q2. Do you agree or disagree that the Forum should operate independently from Government?

Agree Disagree No preference

Comments

Essential

Q3. Should the Forum

(a) be integrated into another public body ?

Agree Disagree No preference

(b) be a separate unit within another public body?

Agree Disagree No preference

Comments

Q4. Do you agree or disagree that all adults who were placed in residential care by the State should be eligible to take part in the National Confidential Forum?

Agree Disagree No preference

Comments

Could then include vicarious abuse. Trauma caused by seeing others abused.

Q5. Do you agree or disagree that the process should be the same for all participants, regardless of whether they regard themselves as survivors of abuse in residential childcare?

Agree Disagree No preference

Comments

Sometimes people do not realise / recognize that what he/she experienced was abusive.

Q6. Do you agree or disagree that people who were in the following types of residential care should be included:

- residential schools and children's homes
- residential educational provision for children with special needs
- long-stay hospital provision for children with acute medical and/or mental health needs
- secure accommodation

Agree Disagree No preference

Comments

Would be good to consider broadening this out in the future - to foster / ^{private} adoptive care.

Q7. What other support do you consider that participants would benefit from before, during and after the Forum?

Comments

offer of counselling / therapy / support if they don't already have access to it. In addition support to go through process & one person
Support provided to go to interview if they don't have that. Follow up several months after if person wants it.
One-to-one contact from someone on the forum before a meeting to discuss any concerns / give info on what to expect etc.

Q8. Do you think that the participants should be protected from legal action in connection with their work for the Forum?

Yes No No preference

Comments

Q9. Do you think there are any barriers that would prevent people who are eligible to take part in the Forum from participating?

Yes No

Comments

Not feeling able to go through the process due to emotional impact
Not hearing about it in the first place eg travellers, homeless, remote & rural etc, no contact with services.

Q10. Do you wish to add any additional points about the Forum?

Yes No

Comments

Consideration given to where forum takes place - eg non clinical, informal & comfortable.

Who carries out interviews is obviously v. important - need well experienced, empathetic good listener etc!

Possibility of forum having their meetings in other areas & not just in one place as some people may struggle with travel.

Equality Impact Assessment

Introduction

The public sector duties require the Scottish Government pay “due regard” to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, victimisation, harassment or other unlawful conduct that is prohibited under the Equality Act 2010;
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not; and
- Foster good relations between people who share a relevant protected characteristic.

These three requirements apply across the “protected characteristics” of age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion and belief; sex and sexual orientation.

In effect, this means that equality considerations are integrated into all the functions and policies of Scottish Government Directorates and Agencies.

A key part of those duties is to impact assess all our policies to ensure that we do not inadvertently create a negative impact for equality groups and also that we actively seek the opportunity to promote equality of opportunity and to foster good relations.

The Aim of the National Confidential Forum

The aim of the National Confidential Forum is to give adults who spent time in residential care as children the opportunity to talk about their experiences.

In this section of the consultation questions we are particularly interested in finding out your views on whether the National Confidential Forum meets the needs of the following groups:

- Age
- Disability
- Gender
- Sexual Orientation
- Race
- Religion and Belief

Your responses to the questions will help us to carry out a full equality impact assessment for a National Confidential Forum.

Questions

1. Do you think the creation of a National Confidential Forum will have a disproportionately negatively impact on particular groups of people in our target audience?

Yes No

Comments

2. Do you think the creation of a National Confidential Forum will have a positive impact on particular groups of people in our target audience?

Yes No

Comments

Raise awareness of institutional abuse for people who have been subjected to it.

3. What negative impacts do you think the National Confidential Forum will have on a particular group?

Comments

Don't think it will be negative although some people may struggle with increased coverage of abuse issues in general

4. What positive impacts do you think the National Confidential Forum will have on a particular group?

Comments

As before (2)

5. What changes would you suggest to reduce any negative impact you have identified?

Comments

I can't think of what would help. There are always pros & cons of increased mention of abuse issues.

6. What changes would you suggest to enhance any positive impacts you have identified?

Comments

7. Are there any significant issues we need to consider in relation to:

- Age
- Disability
- Gender
- Sexual Orientation
- Race
- Religion and Belief?

Comments