

## Consultation Questionnaire

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

Agree  Disagree  No preference

Comments

HOWEVER IT SHOULD NOT STAND ALONE.  
THERE ARE KEY ELEMENTS WHICH  
ARE MISSING FROM THE NATIONAL  
CONFIDENTIAL FORUM MODEL.  
FOR EXAMPLE: JUSTICE, ~~ACCESS~~ ACCOUNTABILITY,  
COMPENSATION COULD BE OTHER REMEDIES

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

Agree  Disagree  No preference

Comments

THE FORMER SCOTTISH OFFICE WERE  
COMPLICIT IN THE FAILURE OF THE  
SYSTEMS THAT WERE IN PLACE  
DURING THE DECADES OF ABUSE.  
THEREFORE SUCCESSIVE GOVERNMENTS  
NEED TO TAKE ON BOARD GOVERNMENT  
ROLE IN THE ABUSE. IT WOULD NOT  
BE APPROPRIATE THEREFORE FOR GOVERNMENT  
TO FACILITATE THE FORUM.

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

THE TWO BODIES I WOULD SAY  
FIT THE BILL ARE; SHRC AND  
CELSIS, WITH THE SCOTTISH  
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
BEING THE PREFERRED OPTION.

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

ANYONE WHOM LOCAL AREA TEAMS  
OF SOCIAL WORK HAD INVOLVEMENT  
IN THEIR CARE PLACEMENT. YES  
RESIDENTIAL CARE BUT ALSO  
KINSHIP, ADOPTION, FOSTERING AND  
THOSE HOSPITALISED IN SPECIALIST  
UNITS. FOR EXAMPLE UNITS FOR  
THOSE WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES  
OR PSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS.

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

EVERYONES EXPERIENCE IN RESIDENTIAL CHILDCARE IS EQUALLY VALID, WHETHER IT WAS A POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE STAY.

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

YES ALL OF THE ABOVE, BUT ALSO KINSHIP, FOSTERING AND ADOPTION WERE THERE WAS SOCIAL WORK INVOLVEMENT.

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

Comments

- Psychological
- FINANCIAL
- ADVOCATE SUPPORT

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

- ILL HEALTH.
- FINANCIAL
- PSYCHOLOGICAL
- NOT TRUSTING THE PROCESS

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

Yes  No

Comments

IT IS MY BELIEF THAT WHEN  
THIS IS CURRENTLY THE ONLY  
CHOICE SURVIVORS WILL OPT  
IN. HOWEVER IN MY VIEW  
EVERYTHING SURVIVORS ARE LOOKING

FOR IS IN THE FRAMEWORK BY  
THE SCOTTISH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

# 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

THOSE WITH SEVERE ONGOING  
MENTAL ILLNESS.

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

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

Comments

POSSIBLE RETRAUMATISATION

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

Comments

MAY BE CATHARTIC FOR SOME

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

Comments

ADVOCACY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT

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

Comments

AS ABOVE

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

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

Comments

AGE - TRAVEL, FAMILY SUPPORT  
DISABILITY - ACCESS, TRAVEL, FAMILY SUPPORT  
RELIGION AND BELIEF - VENUE