

**Do you agree with our proposal that the new offence should cover all formal health and adult social care settings, both in the private and public sectors? Please explain your views.**

Yes  No

We accept the logic that any offence should apply across all formal health and social care settings, public or private.

**Do you agree with our proposal that the offence should not cover informal arrangements, for example, one family member caring for another?**

Yes  No

The Government should give consideration to extending the proposal to all areas where some-one is in a position of trust and responsibility and where damage could ensue by any abuse of the position

**Should the new offence cover social care services for children, and if so which services should it cover? Please list any children's services that you think should be excluded from the scope the offence and explain your view.**

Yes  No

Comments

**Should the offence apply to people who are providing care or treatment on a voluntary basis on behalf of a voluntary organisation?**

Yes  No

This point is addressed earlier

**Do you agree with our proposal that the new offence should concentrate on the act of wilfully neglecting, or ill-treating an individual rather than any harm suffered as a result of that behaviour?**

Yes  No

Comments

**Do you agree with our proposal that the offence should apply to organisations as well as individuals?**

Yes x No

**How, and in what circumstances, do you think the offence should apply to organisations?**

Yes x No

The organisation or management of activities by senior management giving rise to the ill-treatment or wilful neglect would be the appropriate circumstances.

**Do you agree that the penalties for this offence should be the same as those for the offences in section 315 of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 and section 83 of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000?**

Yes x No

It is important that there is consistency and clarity across the framework

**Should the courts have any additional penalty options in respect of organisations? If so, please provide details of any other penalty options that you think would be appropriate.**

Yes  No x

Comments

**What issues or opportunities do the proposed changes raise for people with protected characteristics (age; disability; gender reassignment; race; religion or belief; sex; pregnancy and maternity; and sexual orientation) and what action could be taken to mitigate the impact of any negative issues?**

No comments