**Equally Safe**

**A consultation on the retention period for evidence collected in the course of self-referral forensic medical services**

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**Respondent Information Form**

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[ ]  Yes

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**Summary of consultation questions**

**1. Do you agree with the proposal that the retention period for evidence collected in the course of self-referral forensic medical services be 26 months (2 years, 2 months)?**

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No – the period should be shorter

[ ]  No – the period should be longer

[ ]  Don’t know

[ ]  No answer

**2. If you indicated in your response to question 1 that the retention period should be shorter than 26 months, what should it be?**

Please provide reasons for your response in the box below. Please be as specific as you can and include any resources or references to evidence on this topic that we should consider.

**3. If you indicated in your response to question 1 that the retention period should be longer than 26 months, what should it be?**

Please provide reasons for your response in the box below. Please be as specific as you can and include any resources or references to evidence on this topic that we should consider.

**4. Do you have any views on potential impacts of the proposals in this paper, not sufficiently covered in the existing impact assessments, on child rights and wellbeing, data protection, equality, socio-economic equality (the Fairer Scotland Duty), people in rural or island communities, or human rights?**

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

[ ]  Don’t know

[ ]  No answer

If yes, please outline possible impacts in the box below. Please be as specific as you can and include any resources or references to evidence on this topic that we should consider.