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Dear Sirs

Response to Scottish Executive Health Department's 'Public Health Legislation in Scotland: a Consultation'

As a national charity dealing with sexual health issues we are concerned with point 4.23 of this consultation document regarding the notification status of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and HIV.

fpa is opposed to making HIV and STIs notifiable.

This is because such a move would:

- run contrary to work across Scotland to encourage people to access confidential testing services
- discourage people from accessing tests due to fear of where the results of such tests may end up
- not, in itself, deter infected people from behaviour that risked transmission to others
- not, through the gathering of individual details, add value to epidemiological data already collected

We believe that investment in:

- lifelong education to improve knowledge levels and change behaviour
- high quality, easily accessed, confidential services, and
- thorough partner tracing systems

will bring more long term benefit in the fight against HIV and STI transmission in Scotland.

Regards  
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