

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

I disagree, as this has to be dealt with through every means available I should be shielded from the roof tops

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

This was and is a massive problem.

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

We should all have our say as we were not able to do this as children, we have to make everyone understand how this has affected us as adults

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

I agree because this is all over - abuse is not just in care homes

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

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

Comments

I really don't think anyone will benefit from it as nothing has been done. The man that abused us was found guilty in a court of law, and nothing was done.

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

of course they should

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 people might not want to talk about it because of embarrassment, but they should be able to as you grow up thinking its all your fault

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

Yes No

Comments

As do not understand why you are doing this because nothing will be done, as money is involved with the government. It would have been so much easier to get a couple of a positive comment, what a different up bringing that would be.

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 I hope they would believe us

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 I hope so

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

Comments They might not believe us or be able to fight the government or the Catholic church as they hide things

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

Comments Not sure, I would have to wait and see, but it would be fantastic if it was positive

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

Comments

I would speak up against abuse

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

Comments

Speak up - stand up against abuse

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

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

Comments

No issues,
just get an apology from the Catholic Church