

Consultation response

Question 1: We would like to know in what context you are responding. Please choose one of the following:

I am responding as:

- a) an individual who experiences chronic pain
- b) a family member or carer of someone who experiences chronic pain
- c) a health professional
- d) an organisation representing people who experience chronic pain
- e) other stakeholder (please tell us in the comments box below) x

Professional association with members who offer chronic pain control services

Question 2: Please choose your preferred option (Chapter 2 provides details).

- Option 1 – a centre of excellence in a single location
- Option 2 – a service delivered by local chronic pain clinicians (supported by other clinical advisors in another part of the country)
- Option 3 – a service delivered in different locations (by a team of chronic pain specialists – an outreach or roving service) x

Please tell us why this is your preferred option in the comments box below. The factors listed in Chapter 2 of the consultation paper may help you.

Patients would benefit from a team approach, including trained BAAC acupuncturists.

Acupuncture is effective for the treatment of chronic pain and is therefore a reasonable referral option.

Local teams should therefore include acupuncture skills as part of treatment options

Question 3: Are there any of the options you disagree with? (If No, move straight to Question 4.)

If yes, please tell us which one(s) in the comments box, and why?

Comments (box expands with text input - there is no word limit)

Question 4: If you have other ideas that have not been covered, please tell us about these in the comments box below. You may want to include the advantages and disadvantages of each.

Comments (box expands with text input - there is no word limit)

Question 5: What do you think the barriers are to accessing a residential pain management service? (For example, distance away from family, work or family commitments, upfront travel costs.)

Please list as many as you wish in the comments box below and include any others that are important to you.

Distance away from family, work or family commitments, and upfront travel costs are all issues

Question 6: Please choose from the list below which aspects of residential pain management services should be included in a Scottish service.

(choose as many as apply)

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| A chronic pain assessment | x <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Supported one to one sessions to teach coping skills | x <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Group sessions | x <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Residential accommodation | x <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Opportunity for immediate carer/support provider to accompany patient | x <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Peer support | x <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tailored exercise programme | x <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Medication assessment | x <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please tell us in the comments box below) | x <input type="checkbox"/> |

There are nearly one hundred British Acupuncture Council Acupuncturists working in Scotland, mostly in the private sector. In terms of impact, a significant proportion of patients who attend for acupuncture treatment will be doing so for chronic pain. BAAC Acupuncturists will wish to have the opportunity to collaborate with any model that is commissioned.

Question 7: Irrespective of the final service model selected, should access to the current service provided in Bath (or elsewhere in the UK) be retained for occasional use?

Yes No Don't Knowx

Question 8: Have you previously attended, or supported someone attending a residential service outside Scotland?

Yes (please answer Question 9)

No (please move straight to Question 10)

Question 9: If you have attended, or supported someone attending a residential service outside Scotland, please tell us about any advantages and disadvantages of the experience.

Comments (box expands with text input - there is no word limit)

Question 10: If you, or someone close to you, has been offered but declined a residential service outside Scotland what were the reasons for this?

Comments (box expands with text input - there is no word limit)

Question 11: If you wish to add any further comments on issues raised in the consultation paper or current chronic pain services in Scotland, please use the comments box below.

It would be good to understand the typical chronic pain conditions this would cover e.g: osteoarthritis; rheumatoid arthritis; low back, shoulder and neck pain; headache and migraine; cancer pain; fibromyalgia; neuropathic pain (e.g. sciatica, trigeminal neuralgia, post herpetic neuralgia); chronic overuse conditions (e.g. tendonitis); and chronic visceral pain (e.g. irritable bowel syndrome, interstitial cystitis, endometriosis?)