

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*)

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*)

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.

a combination of all 3 would be the better choice. Not one of the 3 options would work standing alone. A centre of excellence for training and then doing domiciliary outreach work.

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?

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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.

Teaching G.P surgeries bring in health professionals & giving them training with the clients and learning from them how to treat Long Term Chronic Pain. Pharmacists should also be more involved in offering a Chronic Pain Service. Clients should be more involved with design of project. Self help groups should also be more involved!

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.

Distance is always going to be a problem unless there is outreach teams as well as a centre of excellence.

Upfront costs will hamper those with low incomes. ? funding available for them.

If you have chronic pain and had the chance to improve life distance from loved ones should not really be a barrier as its only for a short time in your life.

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)

- A chronic pain assessment
- Supported one-to-one sessions to teach coping skills
- Group sessions
- Residential accommodation
- Opportunity for immediate carer/support provider to accompany patient
- Peer support
- Tailored exercise programme
- Medication assessment
- Other *(please tell us in the comments box below)*

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 Know

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.

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?

N/A

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.

Current chronic pain services need to be nationalised in that no matter what region you live you will get the same treatment! Not happening at this moment.

(End of questions. If you require more space to write answers, you may submit as many additional pages as you wish. If doing so, please clearly state the question numbers that your answers relate to.)