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Submitted to Abortion notifications and data - changing the process: consultation
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Questions

1 Should registered medical practitioners be required to send abortion notifications to the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) electronically (rather than on a paper form)?

Yes – notifications should be sent electronically

Comments (optional)::

It is vital that all data currently collected on the paper form is also collected on the new electronic form and that no information is lost. This information is vital in terms of building a complete picture relating to abortions in Scotland, including: who is having abortions; why are they having abortions; and are there inequalities that need to be addressed? For example, women in the most deprived areas of Scotland have abortion rates twice as high as those from wealthier parts of the country.

2 Currently, doctors must send notifications to the CMO within seven days of the abortion. Should registered medical practitioners be given a longer time period to return abortion notifications to the CMO?

Not Answered

Comments (optional)::

3 Currently, data on abortions is sent to the CMO with the abortion notifications; the CMO's office then passes it directly to Public Health Scotland. In future, should providers send data for the compilation of the abortion statistics directly to Public Health Scotland (PHS), rather than sending it via the CMO?

Not Answered

Comments (optional)::

4 The proposed changes mean that the Chief Medical Officer would no longer receive any personal data about patients with abortion notifications. This data would instead be transferred directly to Public Health Scotland. Do you think there will be any impact from the changes proposed in this consultation on the privacy of personal data about patients and staff?

Not Answered

If you selected 'Yes', please provide comments on any impact on privacy (either positive or negative)::

About you

What is your name?

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Are you responding as an individual or an organisation?

Organisation

What is your organisation?

Organisation:
Catholic Parliamentary Office of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland

The Scottish Government would like your permission to publish your consultation response. Please indicate your publishing preference:

Publish response with name

We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you

again in relation to this consultation exercise?

Yes

I confirm that I have read the privacy policy and consent to the data I provide being used as set out in the policy.

I consent

Evaluation

Please help us improve our consultations by answering the questions below. (Responses to the evaluation will not be published.)

Matrix 1 - How satisfied were you with this consultation?:

Slightly satisfied

Please enter comments here.:

Matrix 1 - How would you rate your satisfaction with using this platform (Citizen Space) to respond to this consultation?:

Slightly satisfied

Please enter comments here.: