

Palliative Care Matters for All: strategy consultation

The Scottish Social Services Council is the regulator for the social work, social care and children and young people workforce in Scotland. Our work means the people of Scotland can count on social services being provided by a trusted, skilled and confident workforce.

We protect the public by registering social service workers, setting standards for their practice, conduct, training and education and by supporting their professional development. Where people fall below the standards of practice and conduct we can investigate and take action.

We:

- publish the national codes of practice for people working in social services and their employers
- register people working in social services and make sure they adhere to the SSSC Codes of Practice
- promote and regulate the learning and development of the social service workforce
- are the national lead for workforce development and planning for social services in Scotland
- publish data and official statistics on the social work, social care and children and young people workforce.

Questions

Question 1a. Do you agree with the aims for this strategy?

- Agree
- Disagree
- **Unsure / Don't know**

The SSSC has no view on this.

Question 2a. Do you agree with the strategy cornerstones, which form the basis for the strategy and delivery plans?

- Agree
- Disagree
- **Unsure / Don't know**

The SSSC has no view on this.

Question 3a. Do you agree with strategy outcome 1 and the proposed actions being developed to deliver this outcome?

- Agree
- Disagree

- **Unsure / Don't know**

The SSSC has no view on this.

Question 4a. Do you agree with strategy outcome 2 and the proposed actions being developed to deliver this outcome?

- Agree
- Disagree
- **Unsure / Don't know**

The SSSC has no view on this.

Question 5a. Do you agree with strategy outcome 3 and the proposed actions being developed to deliver this outcome?

- Agree
- Disagree
- **Unsure / Don't know**

The SSSC has no view on this.

Question 6a. Do you agree with strategy outcome 4 and the proposed actions being developed to deliver this outcome?

- Agree
- Disagree
- **Unsure / Don't know**

The SSSC has no view on this.

Question 7a. Do you agree with strategy outcome 5 and the proposed actions being developed to deliver this outcome?

- Agree
- Disagree
- **Unsure / Don't know**

The SSSC has no view on this.

Question 8a. Do you agree with strategy outcome 6 and the proposed actions being developed to deliver this outcome?

- **Agree**
- Disagree
- Unsure / Don't know

The SSSC has the lead role for the workforce development for the social care workforce in Scotland. We also set the standards for the social care workforce's practice. We believe that, on the basis of this aspect of the SSSC's role, we should be named alongside NES under action 6.7. We welcome the opportunity to continue working with NES on the development of resources for the social work, social care and children and young people's sector.

Question 9a. Do you agree with strategy outcome 7 and the proposed actions being developed to deliver this outcome?

- Agree
- Disagree
- **Unsure / Don't know**

The SSSC has no view on this.

Question 10a. Do you agree with strategy outcome 8 and the proposed actions being developed to deliver this outcome?

- **Agree**
- Disagree
- Unsure / Don't know

The SSSC has the lead role for the workforce development for the social care workforce in Scotland. We also set the standards for the social care workforce's practice. On the basis of this aspect of our role, we believe the SSSC should be explicitly named under actions 8.2, 8.3 and 8.4. We would welcome the opportunity to continue working with NES on the development of resources for the social work, social care and children and young people's sector.

As an organisation we will have a vital role to play in the delivery of action 8.5. The SSSC's role includes quality assuring, approving and enhancing the degrees in social work, childhood practice awards and specialist awards for practice learning qualifications, mental health officers, chief social work officers and residential child care. We would, therefore welcome the opportunity of being involved in the discussions with universities and further education providers about how best to ensure their courses reflect the appropriate level of learning in relation to paediatric palliative care.

Question 11. Please add any further comments you have about the draft strategy outcomes and actions here

We have no additional comments to make.

Question 12a. Community action and support - Do you think this strategy explains why it is important to encourage people, families and communities to come together, support each other, take action and talk more openly?

- Yes
- No
- **Unsure / Don't know**

The SSSC has no view on this.

Question 13a. Earlier access to palliative care - Do you think this strategy explains why getting palliative care long before someone is dying can help adults, children, their families and carers?

- Yes
- No
- **Unsure / Don't know**

The SSSC has no view on this.

Question 14a. Improving access to palliative care and support - Do you think that the actions in this strategy can improve the experiences of people with different personal characteristics and circumstances?

- Yes
- No
- **Unsure / Don't know**

The SSSC has no view on this.

Question 15a. Language and terms used in the strategy - Do you think the strategy explains what is meant by the terms palliative care for adults; palliative care for children; care around dying; and future care planning?

- Yes
- No
- **Unsure / Don't know**

The SSSC has no view on this.

Question 16. Please add any other comments or suggestions you have about the draft Palliative Care Strategy here

We have no further comments to make.

Scottish Social Services Council

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