Greater Glasgow and Clyde Area Psychology Committee

Mental Health (Scotland) Bill

Question 1
Do you agree with the general policy direction set by the Bill?

- GG&C Area Psychology Committee agrees with the general policy direction set by the Bill, that the provisions in the Bill have been extensively consulted on, that recommendations of the McManus Report have been adopted, and that consultations from the Victim Notification Scheme have been appropriately consulted on, considered and incorporated.

Question 2
Do you have any comments on specific proposals regarding amendments to the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) Scotland Act 2003 as set out in Part 1 of the Bill?

- GG&C Area Psychology Committee welcome specific changes as set out in Part 1 of the Bill, specifically
  - Section 22 and 23 of the Bill which propose a slight widening of the existing provisions relating to the provision of assistance with communication at medical examinations and services and accommodation for mothers with mental health disorders beyond post natal depression
  - Section 21 of the Bill proposing the registering of Advance statements and the improvement in communication of these documents by ensuring Health Boards place a copy of the statement in the person’s medical file

Question 3
Do you have any comments on the provisions in Part 2 of the Bill on criminal cases?

- GG&C Area Psychology Committee has no comments on the provisions in Part 2 of the Bill on criminal cases
Question 4

Do you have any comments to make on Part 3 of the Bill and the introduction of a victim notification scheme for mentally disordered offenders?

- GG&C Area Psychology Committee welcomes specific changes as set out in Part 3 of the Bill, specifically Section 43-46 of the Bill where additions have been made to include victims’ rights to receive information and the nature of the information which is to be made available.

Question 5

Is there anything from the McManus Report that’s not been addressed in the Bill and that you consider merits inclusion in primary legislation? If so, please set out why.

- GG&C Area Psychology Committee believes that all the issues raised by the McManus Report have been addressed in the Bill.

Question 6

Do you have any other comment to make about the Bill not already covered in your answers to the questions above?

- GG&C Area Psychology Committee have no further comments to make about the Bill.

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