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Submitted to A Human Rights Bill for Scotland: Consultation
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Part 5: Recognising the Right to a Healthy Environment

6 Do you agree or disagree with our proposed basis for defining the environment?

Not Answered

7. If you disagree, please explain why:

8 What are your views on the proposed formulation of the substantive and procedural aspects of the right to a healthy environment?

Please give us your views:

A healthy environment is fundamental to good health outcomes. Medicines account for around 25% of carbon emissions in the NHS. As a professional body representing prescribers, we understand our responsibility to reduce this by promoting sustainable prescribing. Together with Royal College of GPs in Scotland we are leading the way in creating a global movement for sustainable prescribing, a movement which is enthusiastically supported by Scottish Government.

We have issued a joint statement, which is supported by over ten health professional leadership bodies in Scotland, which calls for wide ranging action to be taken by policy makers, education providers, NHS leaders and the pharmaceutical industry.

Our statement outlines that we are committed to reducing the environmental impact of prescribing and medicines use and commits us to reducing the environmental impact of prescribing and medicines use. The full statement can be read here:
<https://www.rpharms.com/scotland/scottish-policies-and-consultations/sustainable-prescribing>

Given the impact of healthcare on the environment, and the proposed right to a healthy environment, we are of the belief that Scottish Government should consider incorporating some of the statement into the human rights Bill, and in doing so support our ambition to help the NHS to reach net zero and ultimately create a healthier environment for everyone to enjoy.

9 Do you agree or disagree with our proposed approach to the protection of healthy and sustainable food as part of the incorporation of the right to adequate food in International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), rather than inclusion as a substantive aspect of the right to a healthy environment?

Not Answered

Please provide your reasons why:

10 Do you agree or disagree with our proposed approach to including safe and sufficient water as a substantive aspect of the right to a healthy environment?

Not Answered

Please give us your views:

11 Are there any other substantive or procedural elements you think should be understood as aspects of the right?

Not Answered

If yes, please specify what substantive or procedural elements and explain how this could be achieved :

About you

What is your name?

Name:
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What is your email address?

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Are you responding as an individual or an organisation?

Organisation

What is your organisation?

Organisation:

Royal Pharmaceutical Society

Please tell us which of the following categories best describe you (select all that apply):

Other

If other, please specify:

Professional body

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

Publish response only (without 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

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