

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

REFERRAL OF DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR THE RIGHT TO ADDICTION RECOVERY (SCOTLAND) BILL

1. A draft proposal for a Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill was lodged on 6 October 2021 by Douglas Ross MSP.
2. The proposal is for a Bill to enable people addicted to drugs and/or alcohol to access the necessary addiction treatment they require.
3. The draft proposal is accompanied by a consultation document which runs from 7 October 2021 to 12 January 2022.
4. In terms of Standing Orders (Rule 9.14.5) the Parliamentary Bureau is required to refer the draft proposal to a committee (or committees) within whose remit the subject matters falls.
5. This referral is for information only – there is no expectation that the committee will scrutinise or report on the draft proposal at this stage.
6. The proposal falls within the remit of the following committee:

Committee	Remit and relevance
Health, Social Care and Sport Committee	To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care and matters relating to drugs policy.

7. The subject matter of the proposed Bill relates to providing those addicted to drugs and/or alcohol in Scotland with a right to access preferred treatment. It therefore engages the parts of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee's remit relating to drugs and healthcare.

Recommendation

8. The Bureau is invited to refer the draft proposal on the Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee.

Non-Government Bills Unit
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