

Closure of Botanic needle exchange

“This council notes the closing of the needle exchange facility on Botanic Avenue following on from the closure of the Boots facility in City Centre earlier this year. This council will invite the Public Health Agency to its next meeting of the People and Communities Committee to address these worrying closures of much needed facilities and what longer term strategy it has in place to:

1. address drug use and misuse in the City Centre,
2. drive forward a civic conversation of drug classifications, legislation and decriminalisation,
3. develop harm reduction models that save lives
4. and proactively addresses the concerns of local residents.”

Proposer: Councillor Brian Smyth

Seconder: Councillor Paul McCusker

To be referred without discussion to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee