

PE2084/C: Allow alkaline hydrolysis

Scottish Government written submission, 28 March 2025

Thank you for your letter of 10 March 2025 requesting an update on the timeline for when the alkaline hydrolysis regulations will be laid in parliament.

I am responding as Deputy Director for the Public Health Capabilities Division, with responsibility for the overarching policy governing the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016 ('the 2016 Act').

The Alkaline Hydrolysis Regulations Working Group has been established and the first meeting took place on 3 March 2025. It is currently expected that draft regulations will be laid later in 2025, although exact laying and committee dates are still to be decided. The eventual timeline will be informed by the considerations of the Group and the development of the regulations.

Population Health Directorate