Sex work, the law and public health

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Laws and policies pertaining to the sex industry can have profound and deleterious effects on the wellbeing of sex workers and their clients. With some notable exceptions sex workers have had little input into the drafting of policies and laws pertaining to the selling or buying of sexual services. Although some laws are promoted as a feminist ideal, female sex workers are often framed as victims and in many settings the law is applied much more punitively to women than to men. This presentation is based on a literature review of international street based sex work law and will use various country examples to explore the documented impact of different legal models on the health and wellbeing of sex workers and their communities.

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