

## **CONSULTATION QUESTIONS**

### **Age restriction for e-cigarettes**

**1. Should the minimum age of sale for e-cigarette devices, refills (e-liquids) be set at 18?**

Yes ☒ No ☐

**2. Should age of sale regulations apply to:**

**a. only e-cigarette devices and refills (e-liquids) that contain nicotine or are capable of containing nicotine, or**

**b. all devices / refills (e-liquids) regardless of whether they contain or are capable of containing nicotine?**

a ☐ b ☒

**3. Whom should the offence apply to:**

**a. the retailer selling the e-cigarette**

**b. the young person attempting to purchase the e-cigarette**

**c. both**

a ☒

b ☐

c ☐

**4. Should sales of e -cigarettes devices and refills (e-liquids) from self-service vending machines be banned?**

Yes ☐ No ☒

**5. Should a restriction be in place for other e-cigarette accessories?**

Yes ☐ No ☒

6. If you answered “ yes” to question 5, which products should have restrictions applied to them?

Comments

**Proxy purchase for e-cigarettes**

7. Should the Scottish Government introduce legislation to make it an offence to proxy purchase e-cigarettes?

Yes ☐ No ☒

**Domestic advertising and promotion of e-cigarettes**

8. Should young people and adult non-smokers be protected from any form of advertising and promotion of e-cigarettes?

Yes ☐ No ☒

9. In addition to the regulations that will be introduced by the Tobacco Products Directive do you believe that the Scottish Government should take further steps to regulate domestic advertising and promotion of e-cigarettes?

Yes ☒ No ☒

10. If you believe that regulations are required, what types of domestic advertising and promotion should be regulated?

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|--|----------------------------|
| a. Bill boards   | a <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Leafletting   | b <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Brand-stretching (the process of using an existing brand name for new products or services that may not seem related) | c <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Free distribution (marketing a product by giving it away free)  | d <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Nominal pricing (marketing a product by selling at a low price)   | e <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Point of sale advertising (advertising for products and services at the places where they were bought)                | f <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g. Events sponsorship with a domestic setting  | g <input type="checkbox"/> |

11. If you believe that domestic advertising and promotion should be regulated, what, if any, exemptions should apply?

Comments

**12. Are you aware of any information or evidence that you think the Scottish Government should consider in relation to regulating domestic advertising in relation to impacts on children and adults (including smokers and non-smokers)?**

After 43 years smoking, I have stopped by converting to vaping. The use of the term 'electronic cigarette' is both misleading and controversial, linking the use of vaporisers to that of combustion of tobacco products. I believe strongly that the use of electric vaporisers should be encouraged **only for the use of existing smokers** as the most successful means ever of smoking cessation (I think you mean advertising, not advertizing)

**13. Are you aware of any information or evidence that you think the Scottish Government should consider in relation to regulating domestic advertising in relation to impacts on business, including retailers, distributors and manufacturers?**

Comments

**Inclusion of electronic cigarettes on the Scottish Tobacco Retailer Register**

**14. Do you agree that retailers selling e-cigarettes and refills should be required to register on the Scottish Tobacco Retailers Register?**

Yes ☐ No ☒

**15. Do you agree that the offences and penalties should reflect those already in place for the Scottish Tobacco Retailers Register?**

Yes ☐ No ☒

**16. If you answered 'no', to question 15, what offences and penalties should be applied?**

This is not a smoking product, or a tobacco product

**E-cigarettes – use in enclosed public spaces**

**17. Do you believe that the Scottish Government should take action on the use of e-cigarettes in enclosed public spaces?**

Yes ☐ No ☒

**18. If you answered 'yes' to Question 17, what action do you think the Scottish Government should take and what are your reasons for this?**

Comments

**19. If you answered, 'no' to Question 17, please give reasons for your answer.**

Again, this suggests that electric vaporisers are in some way related to smoking, which they are not. I have seen no evidence to suggest that the vapour is in any way harmful to others.

**20. Are you aware of any evidence, relevant to the use of e-cigarettes in enclosed spaces, that you think the Scottish Government should consider?**

I believe that the Government should seek **independent advice** before taking Nanny State actions that

**Smoking in cars carrying children aged under 18**

**21. Do you agree that it should be an offence for an adult to smoke in a vehicle carrying someone under the age of 18?**

Yes ☐ No ☒

**22. Do you agree that the offence should only apply to adults aged 18 and over?**

Yes ☐ No ☒

**23. If you answered 'no' to Question 22, to whom should the offence apply?**

Comments

**24. Do you agree that Police Scotland should enforce this measure?**

Yes ☐ No ☒

**25. If you answered 'no' to Question 24, who should be responsible for enforcing this measure?**

It should not be enforced

**26. Do you agree that there should be an exemption for vehicles which are also people's homes?**

Yes ☐ No ☐

**27. If you think there are other categories of vehicle which should be exempted, please specify these?**

Comments

**28. If you believe that a defence should be permitted, what would a reasonable defence be?**

It should not be an offence; where is the evidence? I was brought up in a time where pretty much everyone smoked, and I spent my youth in smoke filled cars, rooms, etc. I ended up a smoker, but not because of that. My brother never smoked, and has never suffered any 'smoking related' effects.

**Smoke-free (tobacco) NHS grounds**

**29. Should national legislation be introduced to make it an offence to smoke or allow smoking on NHS grounds?**

Yes ☐ No ☒

**30. If you support national legislation to make it an offence to smoke on NHS grounds, where should this apply?**

- a. All NHS grounds (including NHS offices, dentists, GP practices) a ☐  
b. Only hospital grounds b ☐  
c. Only within a designated perimeter around NHS buildings c ☐  
d Other suggestions, including reasons, in the box below

Comments

**31. If you support national legislation, what exemptions, if any, should apply (for example, grounds of mental health facilities and / or facilities where there are long-stay patients)?**

Comments

**32. If you support national legislation, who should enforce it?**

Comments

**33. If you support national legislation, what should the penalty be for non-compliance?**

Comments

**34. If you do not support national legislation, what non-legislative measures could be taken to support enforcement of, and compliance with, the existing smoke-free grounds policies?**

I believe strongly that the enforcement of non-smoking areas outdoors is a serious infringement on the rights of smokers, who already are constantly forced to suffer from other areas of legislation. This is a step too far. Hospital patients and visitors generally have enough stress on their plates, without being forced to travel long distances to huddle at the gates of a hospital to satisfy their addiction. It's a step too far.

**Smoke-free (tobacco) children and family areas**

**35. Do you think more action needs to be taken to make children's outdoor areas tobacco free?**

Yes ☐ No ☒

**36. If you answered 'yes' to Question 35, what action do you think is required:**

- a. Further voluntary measures at a local level to increase the number of smoke-free areas a ☐
- b. Introducing national legislation that defines smoke-free areas across Scotland b ☐
- c. That the Scottish Government ensures sufficient local powers to allow decisions at a local level as to what grounds should be smoke-free c ☐
- d. Other actions. Please specify in the box below

Comments

**37. If you think action is required to make children's outdoor areas tobacco-free, what outdoor areas should that apply to?**

Comments

**Age verification policy 'Challenge 25' for the sale of tobacco and electronic cigarettes**

**38. Do you agree that retailers selling e-cigarettes, refills and tobacco should be required by law to challenge the age of anyone they believe to be under the age of 25?**

Yes ☐ No ☐

**39. Do you agree that the penalties should be the same as those which are already in place for selling tobacco to someone under the age of 18?**

Yes ☐ No ☐

**Unauthorised sales by under 18 year olds for tobacco and electronic cigarettes**

**40. Do you agree that young people under the age of 18 should be prohibited from selling tobacco and non-medical e-cigarettes and refills unless authorised by an adult?**

Yes ☐ No ☒

**41. Who should be able to authorise an under 18 year old to make the sale, for example, the person who has registered the premises, manager or another adult working in the store?**

This is supposed to be a consultation, but already you have made the decision by categorising vaporisers and cigarettes in the same question.  
**They are not the same**

**42. Do you agree with the anticipated offence, in regard to:**

**a. the penalty**

a ☐

**b. the enforcement arrangements**

b ☐

**Equality Considerations**

**43. What issues or opportunities do the proposed changes raise for people with protected characteristics (age; disability; gender reassignment; race; religion or belief; sex; pregnancy and maternity; and sexual orientation)?**

Political correctness gone mad? What possible relation can there be between the consultation and equality, apart from the continual haranguing of the minority who are addicted?

**44. If the proposed measures are likely to have a substantial negative implication for equality, how might this be minimised or avoided?**

Stop discriminating against addicts?

**45. Do you have any other comments on or suggestions relevant to the proposals in regard to equality considerations?**

Stop discriminating against addicts?

**Business and Regulatory Impacts Considerations**

**46. What is your assessment of the likely financial implications, or other impacts (if any), of the introduction of each of these proposals on you or your organisation?**

Comments

**47. What (if any) other significant financial implications are likely to arise?**

Comments

**48. What lead-in time should be allowed prior to implementation of these measures and how should the public be informed?**

Comments

**49. Do you have any other comments on or suggestions relevant to the proposals in regard to business and regulatory impacts?**

I find it extremely disturbing that you present this so-called consultation on a platform where electric vaporisers and tobacco combustion have equal prominence. One is a proven and successful method of smoking cessation; the other is a known harmful addiction for which draconian legislation is already in place, adding to the misery of addiction. This is not a neutral document, and combining the two areas of proposed legislation in one document has a serious detrimental effect on the validity of the results, because smoking is a known emotive issue, and you have combined the completely separate issue of vaporisers onto the same document. This is ill conceived, and invalidates the results, and demonstrates a mind-set that the two subjects are as one. You should know better. Or have you already



made up your minds, and the so-called consultation is a sham?

As a party to the World Health Organization's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), Scotland has an obligation to protect the development of public health policy from the vested interests of the tobacco industry. To meet this obligation, we ask all respondents to disclose whether they have any direct or indirect links to, or receive funding from, the tobacco industry. We will still carefully consider all consultation responses from the tobacco industry and from those with links to the tobacco industry and include them in the published summary of consultation responses.

No.