

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?

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

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

Any products with a Marketing Authorisation for use as an aid to stopping smoking should be exempted from these restrictions, since they would then be covered by different codes of practice that apply to medicines, as long as

they are being used within the terms of their licence and being sold from GPhC-registered pharmacies under the supervision of a pharmacist. This would include the availability of point-of-sale materials promoting their use for smoking cessation

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)?

Comments

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?

The MHRA has now licensed a nicotine device (involving an aerosol) and is in the process of considering granting licences to e-cigarettes for use in smoking cessation. The manufacturers of licensed products may seek to advertise them to the public in future.

Any products with a Marketing Authorisation for use in smoking cessation medicines should be exempted from these restrictions, as long as they are being used within the terms of their licence and being sold from GPhC-registered pharmacies under the supervision of a pharmacist. This may include the availability of point-of-sale materials promoting their use for smoking cessation

Where a pharmacy is selling a licensed medicinal product, in accordance with the terms of its licence, we consider it would be inappropriate to impose regulations and fines for :

- Banning of sales to under-18s (plus introducing “Challenge 25” sales policies)
- Banning “proxy sales” where the intended user is under-18
- Requiring sales made by staff under 18 to be supervised by an adult
- Banning domestic advertising and promotions, including point-of-sale materials
- Requiring retailers to join the Scottish Tobacco Retailers Register

because sales would be being made in a controlled manner in a professional environment to a sales protocol

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?

We do not believe that pharmacy retailers should be included on the list where they are selling nicotine devices for the purpose of smoking cessation. The MHRA has recently licensed an aerosol nicotine device for use in smoking cessation and is currently considering granting licences for e-cigarettes. We believe that, particularly when a product is licensed for a medicinal purpose, entry onto the tobacco retailers register is unwarranted and represents a regulatory burden in providing access to proven therapies which help people stop smoking. We therefore believe that an exemption is required for pharmacies engaged in the trade of licensed nicotine devices of all types.

Where pharmacies are selling products licensed for use in smoking cessation they will be sold by trained staff under the supervision of a pharmacist. This should provide adequate safeguards to ensure sales are safe and correct and any penalties suggested by the Tobacco Retailers Register are unwarranted and unnecessary

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.

There is no evidence that the vapour from these devices are harmful and, with the licensing of some types of device for medicinal use, we would be concerned if actions were taken which may hinder people in their efforts to give up tobacco or which, perversely, resulted in users of nicotine devices

doing so alongside cigarette smokers outside enclosed public spaces.

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?

Comments

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?

Comments

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?

Comments

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)?

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

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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?

Comments

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 25, 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?

Any person aged 18 or over

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)?

Comments

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

Comments

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

Comments

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?

We recommend fast tracking of products through the licensing process with a deadline by which all products have to be licensed.

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.

The Company Chemists' Association has no links to the tobacco industry.