

*Welcome to
the April 2007 E-Bulletin!*

- **What is the latest news on tobacco control?**
- **Update on the work of Smoke Free Hampshire and Isle of Wight**

Welcome to the April 2007 issue of the Smoke Free Hampshire and Isle of Wight e-bulletin. If you have any comments, or if your colleagues would like to receive e-bulletins, please email sarah.preece@nhs.net. Please visit the website for previous issues.

International/National News



Smokefree England

The 100 day countdown has started! On 23rd March, the government launched the Smokefree England campaign, with many local events taking place (see local news).

In mid-January, the Department of Health sent 700,000 priority businesses a pack containing a generic smokefree poster and a brochure setting out the broad detail of the smokefree regulations. In April, a full guidance pack (including two A5 and two symbol only adhesive signs) will be mailed to all employing, actively trading businesses registered with companies house (1.7 million businesses). Materials for download or online order should now be available at <http://www.smokefreeengland.co.uk/content/order-materials.html>.

National Advertising Campaign

A further tranche of advertising, including national TV, is planned for around the 50 days-to-go mark in mid-May. As part of this, regional press and radio advertising will be taking place, concentrated in major regional publications and on the region-wide radio stations.

Smoke Free Houses of Parliament

House of Commons: The House of Commons Commission has endorsed the recommendation of the Administration Committee that smoking within the precincts of the House of Commons should be restricted as if the Health Act applied to the House. The new policy will come into force at the same time as the Act on 1st July 2007.

House of Lords: The Lords Administration and Works Committee considered smoking policy at its meeting on 30th January this year and agreed to recommend to the House that smoking should be prohibited in enclosed and substantially enclosed areas of the House of Lords, in line with the measures contained in the Health Act. The new smokefree rules will take effect on 1st July in concurrence with the commencement of the relevant provisions of the Act.

Smoke Free Scotland...one year on

The law in Scotland on smoking in public places has been hailed as a huge success on its first anniversary. Scotland went smoke free in all workplaces and public spaces on 26th March last year. Research is taking place on the impact of legislation and is due to report later in the year, but interim results showed 46,466 efforts to quit the habit during the year. Visit www.clearingtheairscotland.com.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight News

100 Day Countdown

This was launched by several events across Hampshire. At Southampton General Hospital, a 4 storey high banner was unfurled. In Rushmoor, the Fire Service extinguished Big Cig (see pic). A 100 day countdown poster has also been placed across the Princes Hall theatre in Aldershot.



Big Cig (alias Colin Alborough from Rushmoor Environmental Health) getting a soaking!



Partnership working in North East Hampshire

Smoke Free Campaign

Seminars for local businesses are still taking place across Hampshire. Further seminars and workshops are being planned throughout the area, with a programme of events on the Isle of Wight and in the New Forest. Visit www.smokefreehampshire.co.uk for details. A report is now available on the three seminars organised by Smoke Free Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

Smoke Free Workplace Advisors

A network of smoke free advisors now exists across Hampshire and IOW. These are available to provide guidance and support for local businesses on preparing for the legislation. Please see www.smokefreehampshire.co.uk to find out who to contact.

Smoke Free Hampshire & IOW Steering Group Meeting

The next meeting will be taking place on Monday 30th April between 10am and 12.30pm at East Hampshire District Council Offices in Petersfield. After lunch, this will be followed by the Hampshire-wide smokefree legislation working group meeting between 1 and 3pm. (for more details, please email sarah.preece@nhs.net).

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