

Welcome to the April 2010 E-Bulletin!

- What is the latest news on tobacco control?
- Facts and information on what is happening internationally, nationally, regionally and locally

Welcome to the April Smoke Free Hampshire & Isle of Wight e-bulletin. Please email sarah.preece@hampshire.nhs.uk if you have any comments, or to add a colleague to the distribution list. See www.smokefreehampshire.co.uk for previous issues.

International/National News

Vending Machine Regulations

The regulations on protecting children and young people from tobacco through sales from vending machines have now been published at:

http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2010/pdf/uksi_20100864_en.pdf. The regulations on display of prices are also available at: http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2010/pdf/uksi_20100864_en.pdf.

Budget and Tobacco Taxation

In the budget last month, it was announced that there will be a tobacco duty increase of 1% above inflation this year and a rise by 2% in real terms each year until 2014. This means that a packet of cigarettes will cost 15p more, as will a 20-gram pack of tobacco. ASH have produced a couple of briefings around tobacco taxation: ASH Budget Submission 2010 (advocating for a 5% above inflation increase in tobacco tax and tough targets to reduce smuggling) available at http://www.ash.org.uk/files/documents/ASH_720.pdf and The Effects of Tobacco Taxation - A Cost Benefit Analysis – available at http://www.ash.org.uk/files/documents/ASH_722.pdf.

Passive Smoking and Children



The Tobacco Advisory Group of the Royal College of Physicians has published a report on the evidence from studies demonstrating the health implications for children as a result of passive smoking and costs to the NHS through GP appointments and hospital visits. The report makes a number of recommendations for reducing the exposure and harm, including a ban on smoking in cars. You can download the report at:

<http://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/professional-Issues/Public-Health/Documents/Preface-to-passive-smoking-and-children-March-2010.pdf>.

For a summary, visit:

<http://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/media/Press-releases/Pages/24-Mar-2010-passive-smoking-is-a-major-health-hazard-to-children-says-the-RCP.aspx>.

Vacancy at QUIT



QUIT, which runs the QUIT Because young people's programme, has a vacancy for Head of Youth Services. If anyone is interested, please have a look at <http://www.quit.org.uk/jobs.php> for more information.

Regional News

Regional Young People's Network

At the recent meeting, information on a wide range of projects was shared. If you were not able to attend the meeting, please contact Joanne.Locker@dh.gsi.gov.uk for presentations on smoking cessation work in Medway and on advocacy work across Kent. Remember, projects within our Alliance area can be found on our website at: <http://www.smokefreehampshire.co.uk/localprojects.htm>

The following regional meetings will be taking place during the next few months (please contact Joanne.Locker@dh.gsi.gov.uk if you would like information on any of these meetings):

Tobacco Control Network

Thursday 6th May 10am to 3.30pm at Prospero House, London SE1 1GA.

Communications Workshop

Run by the COI: Wednesday 23rd June – venue to be confirmed.

Sharing Best Practice

Tuesday 6th July – venue to be confirmed.

Young People's Network

10am to 2.00pm (including lunch) at Regional Office (Bridge House) in Guildford on Monday 19th July.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight News

Smokefree Today and Tomorrow

The second draft of our Hampshire and Isle of Wight strategy will be distributed week commencing 4th May. Please take time to read through and return with any comments! The action plan within the strategy will be forming the work programme for the Alliance for this coming year. If you would like a presentation on the strategy at your local Health and Well-being Board, please contact sarah.preece@hampshire.nhs.uk.

Under-age Sales

Hampshire Trading Standards have recently had 2 successful prosecutions for selling tobacco and alcohol to under-18s: a total fine of £1000 + £1600 costs in once case and a total fine of £525 + £300 costs in the other.

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