

# SMOKE FREE

Hampshire & Isle of Wight

## *Welcome to the July 2008 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 July 2008 Smoke Free Hampshire & Isle of Wight e-bulletin. Please note there will not be an issue in August – the bulletin will be back in September! If you have any comments, or if your colleagues would like to receive e-bulletins, please email [sarah.preece@nhs.net](mailto:sarah.preece@nhs.net). Please visit [www.smokefreehampshire.co.uk](http://www.smokefreehampshire.co.uk) for previous issues.

### International/National News

#### Next Steps Consultation

Just a reminder that the closing date for responses to the Government's consultation is 8<sup>th</sup> September. The consultation document can be downloaded at [Consultation](#). To assist in responding, the Smokefree Coalition has some guidance at [Smokefree Coalition](#). They also have an e-postcard at [postcard](#). Also see *Hampshire and & IOW News for information on our local response*.



#### Smokefree Mental Health



On 1<sup>st</sup> July, all NHS Mental Health Units went smokefree by law. Patients, staff and visitors are now longer allowed to smoke inside buildings. The NHS policy in the south east allows smoking long-stay in-patients to smoke in designated areas in the grounds.

#### Schools-based Smoking Interventions

NICE is developing intervention and programme guidance on ***School-based interventions to prevent the uptake of smoking among children***. If you would like to register as a stakeholder to be involved in developing this guidance, you can do so on-line at: [NICE Public Health Stakeholder Registration Form](#).

### Regional News

#### Next Steps Consultation Media Campaign

The Department of Health is keen to encourage as many responses as possible to the consultation, particularly from the general public. The Central Office of Information (COI) is carrying out a regional publicity campaign in August, aimed at encouraging the general

public to respond. We have been asked to support this through local press work, including case studies to give a more local flavour. If you would like to find out more or would like to do some press work locally, please contact [Katy.Taylor@coi.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Katy.Taylor@coi.gsi.gov.uk).

### **Sharing Best Practice**

A free information sharing event is being held on 18<sup>th</sup> September in London for everyone working in Stop Smoking Services and Tobacco Control Alliances across the South East. It is an opportunity to come together and present, discuss and question initiatives that have taken place to improve services and develop/expand tobacco control activities at a local level. If you would like to share your own local activity, please send a paragraph on the work to [Joanne.Locker@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Joanne.Locker@dh.gsi.gov.uk) by 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Registration forms for this event are available from [claire.korbely@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:claire.korbely@dh.gsi.gov.uk).

## **Hampshire and Isle of Wight News**

### **Work Programme for 2008-09**

This has now been approved by GOSE and our funding for this year should be received shortly. Hants & IOW Alliance members have been asked to bid for these funds to set up local tobacco control projects. Guidance and criteria on how to access this funding has been sent out to Alliance members. The deadline for bids is the end of July – so please send them in quickly! If you have not received information on how to bid for funding for local tobacco control projects, please contact [sarah.preece@nhs.net](mailto:sarah.preece@nhs.net).

### **Sharing Best Practice Locally**

The next Hants & IOW Alliance meeting in October will take the form of a seminar to share what is happening – or planned – around tobacco control locally. As many of you are sending in applications for funding to set up local projects, it will be interesting and helpful to others to hear about your activity. Date in October to be advised, but start thinking about your presentations now!

### **Next Steps Consultation Response**

A template with evidence and suggested responses has been distributed to all Hants & IOW Alliance members. If you wish to contribute to a Hampshire-wide response, please return by the end of July if possible, to allow time for collation before September. If you have not received this template, please contact [sarah.preece@nhs.net](mailto:sarah.preece@nhs.net).

### **Hantsweb Awards**



[www.smokefreehampshire.co.uk](http://www.smokefreehampshire.co.uk) has been nominated for the Best Public Service Website award at the [Hantsweb Awards](#) 2008. Winners will be announced in November. The website is constantly being updated – why not take a look?

### **Alliance Assessment Toolkit**

GOSE have published a toolkit designed to assess local tobacco control alliances on their effectiveness. It is proposed that Smoke Free Hampshire and Isle of Wight use this toolkit at a meeting early in 2009, to assess the Alliance as we make plans for 2009-10.

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