

SMOKE FREE

Hampshire & Isle of Wight

Welcome to the July 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 July 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

NHS White Paper

The White Paper setting out the coalition Government's vision for the NHS '**Equity and excellence: Liberating the NHS**' has now been published and is accessible at:

<http://tinyurl.com/2a8ljeo>. Key points are:

- The creation of an independent National Commissioning Board for the NHS.
- Setting up of GP consortia to commission local health services.
- Local authorities to take on responsibility for health improvement, currently held by Primary Care Trusts (PCTs).
- PCTs to cease to exist from 2013.
- Strategic health authorities to cease to exist from 2012/13.

Review of Smokefree Legislation

A review of the smokefree legislation is now not expected in 2010. According to John Tilley, Senior Policy Manager for Tobacco Policy at the Department of Health, "The Government has no intention to either extend or amend the smokefree law, which is fulfilling its aim".

Point of Sale and Vending Machines

It is not clear whether the forthcoming legislation around point of sale display of tobacco and removal of tobacco vending machines will be considered in the Government's review on future legislation. This may be a critical time for this legislation and ASH is encouraging people to write to their MP to ask them to support the Health Act 2009. You can do this through: www.writetothem.com. Smoke Free Hampshire and Isle of Wight and the Directors of Public Health have written to all MPs in our area.

Health Profiles

This year's health profiles have just been published and are available following the link: http://www.apho.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?QN=P_HEALTH_PROFILES. These use a modelled estimate of adult smoking prevalence based on the Health Survey for England 2006-2008, updated from the last few years' profiles, which were based on data from 2003-05.

Percentage Rates for Hampshire and IOW

Authority	2009 % Rate	2010 % Rate
Southampton	27.3	26.0
Hampshire	15.7	18.1
Isle of Wight	20.4	21.2
Portsmouth	29.6	27.2

Regional News

South East England Regional DPH report

The recently published annual report looks back over the 2009/10 financial year and contains a wealth of statistical information on a range of health and well-being indicators. The report highlights the necessity for tobacco control. It can be downloaded from: www.sepho.org.uk/viewResource.aspx?id=13628

Media Training

The COI will be running 2 media and broadcast training sessions and 2 PR workshops on Wednesday 8 September at the COI offices in London (5 minutes from Waterloo station). Each session will last half a day and lunch will be included. Both training sessions will be held on the same day to allow participants to attend a session each of media training and the PR workshop if they wish. If you are interested, or would like to find out more, please contact sarah.preece@hampshire.nhs.uk for an application form – closing date is 31st August and places are on a first come first served basis.

Regional Meetings

The next regional tobacco control meeting will be taking place on 11th October in London (please contact joanne.locker@dh.gsi.gov.uk or ruth.finlay@gsi.gov.uk for information).

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Vending Machine Sales

Recent testing by Hampshire Trading Standards resulted in 3 sales to under-18s from 4 vending machines. As a consequence, the British Heart Foundation has written to The Guardian requesting that “our new-look politics doesn’t include a back-track on the hard won victory to expunge these machines from our public places”: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/lifeandstyle/2010/jul/17/anti-smoking-laws-burning-issue>.

Strategy Implementation Meeting

Smoke Free Today and Tomorrow - the tobacco control strategy for Hampshire and Isle of Wight is undergoing final consultation through local Health and Wellbeing Partnerships. If you would like a presentation to your local partnership, please contact sarah.preece@hampshire.nhs.uk. A meeting is being held on 28th July (10am to 12pm) At Omega House in Eastleigh to discuss the implementation and monitoring of the strategy.

Young People’s Website

Last year’s funding was used by Hart District Council to set up a schools project around smoking, which included the development of a website by Year 8s at Yateley School. The winning website is now live: <http://www.ydsiaj.hampshire.org.uk/Home%20Page.html>.

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