

Welcome to the June 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 June 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 at

International/National News



Smokefree England Campaign

Only a few more days to go....

The last week of June sees a major publicity campaign nationally, with TV, radio and press advertising. To view the adverts, visit:

<http://www.smokefreeengland.co.uk/thefacts/campaigns.html>

Railways go smokefree

Smoking at stations will become a thing of the past on Britain's railways from 1st July. Smoking will be prohibited on all station concourses, ticket halls, platforms – covered and uncovered - footbridges and subways, station offices and canteens at station premises.

Training for EHOs

The key presentations from the National Smokefree Legislation Training for Regulatory Officers are now available on line from the CIEH website at

http://www.cieh.org/events/diary/national_smokefree_legislation_training_programme.htm

For detailed advice and guidance please refer initially to the guidance for regulatory officers issued by LACoRS at

http://www.cieh.org/library/Knowledge/Public_health/Smoking_in_the_workplace/LACORS_guide%20_MAR07.pdf and there is further information available on the CIEH website at

http://www.cieh.org/knowledge/public_health/smokefree_workplaces_and_public_places

Smokefree Europe: nearly all in favour of workplace smoking bans

The European Commission has published the findings of its latest Eurobarometer survey, which showed the overwhelming majority - 88% - of Europeans in favour of smokefree workplaces. Support for smoke-free bars and pubs is somewhat lower, at 62%. The highest percentage of would-be quitters - smokers who have tried to give up in the past 12 months - was reported in Britain: 46%. Full details available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_publications/eurobarometers_en.htm

Life after Smokefree?

The Department of Health has set out its "Vision for Tobacco Control", which highlights the fact that tobacco control work will **not** cease on 1st July. Plans include a greater focus on tackling smuggled and counterfeit cigarettes and on work with young people and smoking in pregnancy. For more details, please contact sarah.preece@nhs.net.

Varenicline recommended for Smoking Cessation

NICE recommend Champix to the NHS and consider it to be superior to NRT or Zyban on current evidence. Their final appraisal determination can be downloaded at: <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/page.aspx?o=431452>. Please note this has not yet been approved for use in Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight News



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the smokefree campaign across Hampshire and Isle of Wight and worked together so well to make it a success.

Health Impact

The Tobacco Control Collaborating Centre is carrying out some pre- and post-legislation research on bar workers and customers to establish the health impact of the legislation. Smoke Free Hampshire and Isle of Wight are assisting in this piece of national research, with some of our local venues volunteering to take part.

Publicity Campaigns

A 3 month post-smokefree legislation publicity campaign is planned, to include positive case studies of pubs and restaurants, which have successfully gone smokefree. We also hope to present the health impact research data, which will have taken place in local pubs.

Smoke Free Website

The website will have another new look from July, with a section on young people, including under-age sales and prevention work. Please send any information or photos for the website to sarah.preece@nhs.net.

Smoke Free Hampshire & Isle of Wight Work Programme

The work programme has now been set out for 2007-08 and will cover:

- Support for businesses and organisations in remaining smokefree
- Campaign for raising the age of sale for tobacco to 18 (October 07)
- Training for people who work with vulnerable young people on smoking prevention

If you would like a copy of the work programme, please email sarah.preece@nhs.net.

Last but not least - a special THANK YOU to Chris Chappell, Health Improvement Manager at Hampshire PCT, who is leaving the NHS at the end of June after many years' service. Chris was instrumental in setting up Smoke Free Hampshire and Isle of Wight and has played a major role in tobacco control over the years. Chris, we wish you a happy smokefree future!

Sarah Preece
Co-ordinator, Smoke Free Hampshire and Isle of Wight
Hampshire PCT, 35 High Street
Aldershot GU11 1BH

Tel: 01252 333043 ext 239
Fax: 01252 333052
Email: sarah.preece@nhs.net
Web: www.smokefreehampshire.co.uk