

SMOKE FREE

Hampshire & Isle of Wight

Welcome to the May 2009 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 May 2009 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

Health Bill progresses

The vote on prohibiting display of tobacco at point of sale was won on 6th May in the House of Lords by an overwhelming 204 to 110 votes. The Bill has now moved to the House of Commons and the [Smokefree Coalition](#) will be entering the next phase of the campaign, involving media work and writing to MPs.

NICE Consultation on School-based Interventions

The NICE consultation on the evidence for "School-based smoking interventions to prevent smoking among children" is closing on 3rd June. You can access the document at: <http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/index.jsp?action=folder&o=44024>.

ASH Wales Conference

[ASH Wales](#) is hosting '**Communicate, Collaborate, Celebrate**' on 5th and 6th October 2009 in Cardiff. Please visit [here](#) for further details and the option to book a place at this event. A call for papers and poster presentation is now open and abstract submission forms can be downloaded from the website.

Blogs and YouTube

For those of you who are internet chat-friendly, Quit Because now has a blog at <http://quitbecause.blogspot.com/>. It will be regularly updated with articles, stories, videos and games. Quit also have a YouTube channel that has recently been refurbished: <http://www.youtube.com/QUITBecause>.

Regional News

Regional Media Training

The Central Office for Information (COI) is running some workshops on working with the media on 15, 25 or 29 June. For more information, contact Katy Taylor at Katy.Taylor@coi.gsi.gov.uk.

Best Practice Day

A day of sharing projects on tobacco from across the South East Region will be taking place in London on 9th July. For more information, or if you would like to present a piece of work, project, model, research etc please send the title and a short paragraph describing the work to Joanne.locker@dh.gsi.gov.uk by 1st July.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight News

Smoke Free Hampshire & IOW Action Plan for 09-10

The draft work programme has now been distributed to Alliance members for comment. Please respond to sarah.preece@hampshire.nhs.uk

Peer Mentoring

Peer mentoring on smoking is already taking place in some areas of our Alliance, but the ASSIST peer mentoring programme is now being considered as a possible approach in reducing the likelihood of young people smoking. Representatives from the ASSIST peer mentoring programme are being invited to come to Hampshire to present in more detail about the programme and how we could run it locally. If you would like to be involved in the group considering this project, please contact sarah.preece@hampshire.nhs.uk.

E-learning Online

A new e-learning course on smoking and young people has recently been launched on the Hampshire Learning Zone at: <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/learningzone/elearningzone.htm>. The course has been designed for front line staff working with young people. The aim of the course is to provide a basic awareness of the issues around smoking and young people and the services offered to help young smokers quit.

Best Practice Seminar

A Hampshire and Isle of Wight best practice sharing seminar is planned for the afternoon of 29th June in Winchester. This will provide an opportunity to hear how Alliance-funded local projects are progressing and also to hear about other successful tobacco control projects. For more information, please email sarah.preece@hampshire.nhs.uk.

Smokefree Football Team

AFC Smokefree is a new football team that has been formed from people who have all quit smoking through the NHS Quit4life free Stop Smoking Service. For more information, contact kris.sergent@nhs.net.

AFC Smokefree with PompeyFansOnLine at a recent match.



“Don’t Start” in the New Forest

The Handy Trust, in partnership with New Forest District Council, visited Year 6 pupils at Wildground Junior School in Dibden Purlieu on 18th May to deliver the “don’t start” message. Each pupil also received a water bottle with the “don’t start” message and telephone numbers of the Handy Trust workers. For more information, contact nikki.stevens@nfdc.gov.uk.

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