

*Welcome to
the November 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 November 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 UK

The United Kingdom now has the most comprehensive tobacco control measures in the whole of Europe. This year's smokefree legislation has allowed the UK to move up to the top position as leader in European tobacco control. See: "Progress in tobacco control in 30 European countries 2005 to 2007" at http://www.ensp.org/newsreports/infopressreleases_or_www.ectoh07.org



The Smokefree Action Coalition now has a "where are we now" report on www.smokefreeaction.org.uk, matching media scare stories to the real experience of Smokefree England.

Smoke Free Mental Health

NHS Mental Health Trusts were exempt from the smokefree legislation on July 1st 2007, but are required to have smokefree buildings from 1st July 2008. Trusts can provide designated smoking areas only for acute residential service users within grounds and ensure all staff, outpatients and visitors refrain from smoking within the Mental Health Trust premises (buildings and grounds). The South East Regional Office alongside Smoke Free Hampshire & IOW, will be organising workshops and providing support to Trusts in going smokefree over the next 7 months. For a copy of the smokefree definitions for Mental Health Trusts, please email sarah.preece@nhs.net.

Smokefree Scotland

Most of the presentations from the Towards a Smokefree Society Conference in Edinburgh on 10th and 11th September, are now available on the conference website and can be found by clicking on the link below:

<http://www.smokefreeconference07.com/programme.php>

No Smoking Day 2008

No Smoking Day will take place on 12th March 2008. For more information, visit www.nosmokingday.org.uk.

Harm Reduction

The Royal College of Physicians has recently published a summary report 'Harm Reduction in Nicotine Addiction'. Please email sarah.preece@nhs.net for a copy of the report. The report recommends:

- Providing smokers with safer sources of nicotine that are acceptable and effective cigarette substitutes.
- Encourage the development of innovative, more effective and user-friendly medicinal nicotine substitutes for cigarettes.
- Change nicotine product regulation to make it easier to produce and market medicinal nicotine products.
- Create a nicotine regulatory authority to take control of all aspects of regulation of all nicotine products and reverse the advantage cigarettes have in the marketplace.

Regional News

Goodbye to Helen....

Sadly, our Regional Tobacco Control Manager (RTPM), Helen Atkinson, will be leaving this role at the end of the year. She is taking up the post of Associate Director for Public Health in Surrey PCT. The Dept of Health has confirmed that the RTPM post will be recruited to as soon as possible. Smoke Free Hampshire and IOW would like to wish Helen well in her continued career and would like to thank her for all her wonderful work and support over the past few years. She will be sorely missed!

The next SE Regional Tobacco Control Network meeting to be held at 10.30am-3.30pm on Wednesday 12th December at Regents College in London. For details, email toni.cheal@dh.gsi.gov.uk.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight News

Smokefree Work

Smokefree Advisers in the Hampshire PCT area are following up the smokefree legislation with local businesses to check on compliance and highlighted any issues, such as litter or noise from smokers outside. For more information on this project, please contact your local adviser:

NE Hants – Sheila Wills 01252 333043 ext 234; sheila.wills@bvhpct.hs.uk

SW Hants – Tricia Harper 023 8068 8423; tricia.harper@eastleigh.gov.uk

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For information on smokefree activity elsewhere, please contact:

IOW – Ian Malcolm 01983 814280; ian.malcolm@iow.nhs.uk

Portsmouth – Sam Woodhouse 023 92 841560; sam.woodhouse@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Southampton – Mitch Sanders 023 8083 2519; mitch.sanders@southampton.gov.uk

Age Progression Software

This software can reveal how a smoker may look in 10 or more year's time and has been used as part of smoking prevention activity across Hampshire. Recently, the software was used with shoppers at Asda in Farnborough, where many young people from the local colleges came along to take a peek. For more information, please contact sarah.preece@nhs.net

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