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Raising the age.

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Please find enclosed a response from NHS Dumfries & Galloway in relation to the consultation papers

with kind regards

Trish Grierson
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FAO John Glen

Dear Sir

Please find enclosed a copy of our responses to the consultations on:-

Smoking, Health and Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005. (Variation of Age Limit for Sale of Tobacco Purchase and Consequential Modifications Order 2007)

And

Consultation on the Report "Towards a Future without Tobacco"

We look forward to hearing the outcome of these consultations and please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Yours faithfully

Trish Grierson
Smoking Matters Co-ordinator

Smoking Prevention Consultation Papers

- 1. Draft Smoking and Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005 (variation of age limit for sale of tobacco purchase and consequential modification Order 2007**
- 2. Consultation on Smoking Prevention Working Group report "Towards a Future without Tobacco"**

I refer to the above consultation papers dated December 2007. The Tobacco Control Strategy Group of Dumfries & Galloway – which consists of representatives from NHS Dumfries & Galloway, Dumfries & Galloway Council, Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary, and other key partners welcomes the opportunity to comment on both these papers. The Tobacco Control Strategy Group will look forward to hearing the final outcomes of this consultation.

General statement

The group supports in principle all the recommendations made by the Smoking Prevention Working Group. All the SPWG recommendations along with the proposal of raising the minimum age of sales of cigarettes are considered to be highly relevant in today's climate. The group believes that these proposals will help to minimise harm done by tobacco and ensure that tobacco remains a high priority to be tackled in Scotland.

Consultation Paper 1

Raising the age from 16-18 years

Question 1

Do you agree that the age of purchase of tobacco products should be raised to 18 as provided for in the draft order?

The Group supports raising the age from 16 to 18 years

Question 2

In terms of issues that need to be considered in preparation for this proposed change the group feels that language used in relation to the proposed new order should be clear and concise. It is important that any person who has a duty or responsibility to enforce this new order fully understands the change, therefore how this message is conveyed is the first important step in enforcement.

In relation to the period of time between the announcement for change and implementation the group has no strong preference between options 2 and 3. However a publicity campaign sustained over a period of time will help ensure a smooth change. This campaign should run for up to one year and take place at different time periods through the year. Option 3 may give the best possibility of achieving this change smoothly.