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

Comments required by 28th February, but earlier if possible

This draft legislation is linked to the report 'Towards a Future Without Tobacco', also out to consultation until the same date. It focuses specifically on one recommendation from that report, raising the age of purchase of tobacco products from 16 to 18 years. Specific comments on the components are as follows.

Draft Order: Fine

Explanatory Note: Fine

Consultation:

Q1. Yes

Q2. Increased efforts to recruit young people 16-18 into smoking cessation services in order to capitalise on the proposed change in legislation would be beneficial.

Six months appears a reasonable timescale to implement the changes

Draft Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA):

- The RIA confuses an objective with an aim; an objective has to be SMART
- A wider range of use of a proof of age card may be beneficial in assisting shops/suppliers in dealing with other age restricted purchases such as alcohol, gas lighter refill canisters etc.
- Delaying ease of starting smoking will certainly benefit a percentage of target population
- Option 2 to increase the age limit to 18 within a 6-12 month period is best.
- Points 6.3 to 6.5 highlight a potent argument for the increase. A legal age of purchase of 18 is likely to reduce retailers selling to very young people, especially 13-15 year olds.
- The costs identified are low compared to the health impact on the population now and in the future with reduced smoking rates
- Section 7 and 8 on the benefits underlines option 2 as the best of the three considered.

A respondent information form should accompany the above.