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Subject: RE: Consultation on Smoking Prevention Working grp report....

Hi Christine

Thanks so much for taking the time to offer these comments and to tell me about the work you are doing (which sounds really interesting).

The simple answer to your question is "yes" we will be taking a fundamental look at drugs education in schools (which, of course, embraces tobacco), including the types of intervention and at which point in the school "journey" they should be . However, at this stage, how this will be done and the timetables are unclear though the responses to the smoking prevention consultation will feed into that process.

Will you be submitting an official response to the consultation or do you wish me to take into account the comments below? If so there is an assumption all comments submitted will be made publicly available although we can anonymise.

Best wishes

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From: Christine Greig [mailto:christine.greig@tpct.scot.nhs.uk]
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I attended the Public Consultation Seminar this morning at the Apex Hotel. My role within Dundee City Council is Project worker with the Peer education project the focus being Smoking Prevention. We have been an established project for the past six years initially focussing on Drug and Alcohol education and over the past 2 or so years we have been developing and implementing a smoking prevention strategy for use

within certain schools within Dundee. Adhereing to Dundee city council guidelines Smoking Prevention lessons do not begin in primary school till primary 5, I was wondering if there are any plans to review the smoking education guidelines nationally.....given the apparent success of such schemes as introducing dental hygiene at nursery level I believe that the current, necessary aims 'towards a future without tobacco' would only be enhanced if the subject were introduced to the school curriculum at an earlier stage. Aware that it is a sensitive issue, I see no reason that creative and imaginative methods could be adopted with pre school pupils and within the lower primaries to convey the messages around smoking within the context of living a healthy lifestyle. I would be grateful to hear your thoughts on this issue.

Kindest Regards Christine Greig