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Dear Mr Glen

THE SMOKING, HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 (PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN CERTAIN PREMISES) REGULATIONS 2005: DRAFT

I would wish to comment on the 'Exemptions' element of the above.

I do not agree that psychiatric hospitals and psychiatric units should be exempt from the scope of the legislation. Firstly, this has obvious health implications for patients and staff. Secondly, this does not help the "normalisation" messages of the 'see me...' Anti Stigma Campaigns and could be seen as counter-productive in that context.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

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