

Draft Smoke-free Regulations 2007 – E-Consultation on-line response

Individual/Unclassified Response No.5

Q1: YES

Q1a: Display of such signs will highlight the responsibility of all to the health and well being of all

Q2: YES

Q2a: It is worth noting that it is arguably more dangerous to drive a vehicle while smoking or lighting up than it is using a mobile phone

Q3: YES

Q3a: Stiff penalties should apply for non-compliance - the public should be aware that this legislation will be taken seriously and enforced from the outset

Q4: NO

Q4a: This may weaken the effectiveness of the legislation and may be seen as 'permission' to ignore it by smokers who are being asked to make a relatively small sacrifice

Q5: NO

Q5a: We cannot seriously consider that people under care, whether mental or physical, should be given any form of encouragement to smoke. I know that from experience many people who suffer from poor mental health can smoke heavily - ways must be found to help these people engage in other outlets, instead of permitting them to become a potentially greater burden to the already stretched NHS.

Q6: NO

Q6a: One exception will lead to demands for others - this legislation must be thorough and serious and seen to be so

Q7: YES

Q7a: Clearly for those being used by the public - see comments above re smoking and driving.