

Draft Smoking NI Order 2006 econsultation on-line response

Diabetes UK Northern Ireland Response

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Diabetes UK Northern Ireland is working to improve the lives of people with diabetes. We believe that stopping smoking is probably the most effective action to improve the health of people with diabetes, and supporting smoking cessation is arguably the most cost-effective intervention health professionals can offer to smokers with diabetes.

People with diabetes in prisons and psychiatric units are vulnerable groups. Though we would inevitably like to see a time when there was no smoking, we understand that both areas are not just classified as work places, but also as a home setting. People living in both settings are unable to have endless access to open spaces and the impact of such a policy may have a negative impact on either treatment or security.

Diabetes UK Northern Ireland proposes more public health awareness within both settings, with the view to encouraging smoking cessation. We are aware that care deficiencies within prisons include a lack of care planning and case management, inadequate dietary guidance and inappropriate diet, lack of self-monitoring facilities, lack of specialist health professional input and unstructured medical follow-up practices.

It is essential that all people with diabetes, no matter where they live, receive high quality care and information through increased understanding of diabetes.

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Diabetes UK Northern Ireland realises the staff working in both psychiatric units and prisons are excluded from the health advantages of ban smoking in work places.

We believe that this issue must be looked at further with a view to making reasonable adjustments.

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Diabetes UK Northern Ireland welcomes this long over due legislation. We would raise the importance of further consultation in areas of exemption specifically concerning prisons and psychiatric units.

It is crucial that there is a solution to the issue of the rights and needs of workers and the person's individual right to smoke in their 'home' setting.

Further work will need to be done to address this issue in order to make reasonable adjustment. We would also recommend that further access to health awareness, education, information, healthy diet and physical activity should also be encouraged at the same time in order to maximise on this healthy initiative.