

8 November 2007



Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety  
Health Improvement Policy Branch  
Room C 4 22  
Castle Buildings  
Stormont  
Belfast  
BT4 3SQ

Dear Ms Rainey

**Re: Consultation on Minimum Age of Sale of Tobacco Products**

Disability Action is a pioneering Northern Ireland charity working with and for people with disabilities. We work with our members to provide information, training, transport awareness programmes and representation for people regardless of their disability; whether that is a physical, mental, sensory, hidden or learning disability.

More than one in five (300,000) people in Northern Ireland has a disability and the incidence is higher here than in the rest of the United Kingdom. Over one quarter of all families here are affected.

As a campaigning body, we work to bring about positive change to the social, economic and cultural life of people with disabilities and consequently our entire community.

Our network of services is provided via our Headquarters in Belfast and three regional offices in Carrickfergus, Londonderry and Dungannon.



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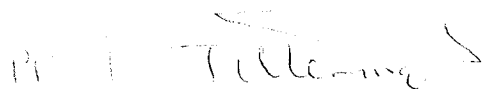
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Disability Action have no particular views on the above policy however, we would like to take this opportunity to advise you of our policy regarding accessibility of consultation documents.

Disability Action recognises the time and effort that have gone into producing this document for consultation and thanks the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety for the opportunity to respond and looks forward to continued dialogue.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Monica Wilson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Monica Wilson**  
Chief Executive

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