SMOKING PROHIBITION (CHILDREN IN MOTOR VEHICLES) (SCOTLAND) BILL
WRITTEN SUBMISSION FROM NHS LOTHIAN

Consultation

Did you take part in any consultation exercise preceding the Bill and, if so, did you comment on the financial assumptions made?
1. Yes

If applicable, do you believe your comments on the financial assumptions have been accurately reflected in the FM?
2. Yes

Did you have sufficient time to contribute to the consultation exercise?
3. Yes

Costs

If the Bill has any financial implications for your organisation, do you believe that they have been accurately reflected in the FM? If not, please provide details.
4. We believe financial implications for cessation services have been accurately reflected. In terms of the expectation that follow-up public information will be linked with other campaigns, this could incur a cost to Health Boards in that a main vehicle for promoting public awareness about second-hand smoke would be via local Smoke Free initiatives which currently are funded via Tobacco Prevention funding allocated by the Scottish Government.

Do you consider that the estimated costs and savings set out in the FM are reasonable and accurate?
5. On the whole it would appear so. However we would suggest reviewing, and if necessary increasing, the proposed budget allocation for an advertising campaign (Section 22) to be in line with the recent ‘Take It Right Outside’ campaign. This evaluated positively and would enable advertising for this legislation to replicate the innovative mode of delivery used for that campaign.

If applicable, are you content that your organisation can meet any financial costs that it might incur as a result of the Bill? If not, how do you think these costs should be met?
6. Smoking cessation services nationally have seen a decline in numbers accessing their services. Therefore if current levels of funding were maintained, services should be able to meet any increase in demand with minimal investment, most likely enabling Boards to maintain services at current levels. Continuing investment in smoking cessation initiatives based in Community Pharmacies would be required.

Point 24 states that costs of follow-up information, social advertising etc (promoting public awareness about the Bill) will be linked with other campaigns. In Lothian this would include various Smoke Free initiatives which promote public awareness about second-hand smoke and encourage and supports parents to not smoke in the home or in the family car. This work is currently funded from tobacco prevention monies
allocated by the Scottish Government and NHS Lothian would require continuation of that funding in order for it to be maintained.

**Does the FM accurately reflect the margins of uncertainty associated with the Bill’s estimated costs and with the timescales over which they would be expected to arise?** 7. Yes

**Wider Issues**

**Do you believe that the FM reasonably captures any costs associated with the Bill? If not, which other costs might be incurred and by whom?**

8. The FM captures costs associated with the Bill apart from in Section 50 (Individuals) the cost to smokers who may opt to use ElectronicNicotineDeliverySystems (ENDS) as a way of reducing their smoking or quitting as a result of the Bill has not been considered.

**Do you believe that there may be future costs associated with the Bill, for example through subordinate legislation? If so, is it possible to quantify these costs?**

9. No

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