Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care)(Scotland) Bill

Environmental Health Service - Aberdeen City Council

NVPs and smoking in hospital grounds

1. **Do you support the Bill’s provisions in relation to NVPs?**

   Yes, as it seems out of step with the Scottish Government’s health agenda in such devices not currently subject to regulation.

2. **Do you support the proposal to ban smoking in hospital grounds?**

   No. It would be more appropriate for hospital trusts to retain their policy of not allowing smoking in their grounds. As proposed, the burden of enforcement falls on the local authorities already stretched to meet their existing commitments. The burden would be twofold – within hospital grounds directly enforcing the smoking ban and outwith, dealing with litter generated by discarded cigarette stubs and of littering offences therefrom.

3. **Is there anything you would add/remove/change in the Bill with regards to NVPs or smoking in hospital grounds?**

   That there is a clear direction as to what will be considered, “the specified distance from the building,” to prevent any dubiety for enforcement.

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