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

South Lanarkshire Council Environmental Services

In relation to the Scottish Parliament’s Health and Sport Committee invite for organisations and individuals to submit written evidence setting out their views on Nicotine Vapour Products and smoking in hospital grounds implications of the Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Bill. Please find detailed below the comments from South Lanarkshire Council’s Environmental Services.

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

South Lanarkshire Council Environmental Services supports the provisions of the Bill.

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

South Lanarkshire Council Environmental Services supports the proposal but recognises that it is not a risk based enforcement approach and we feel that it is being introduced for entirely aesthetic purposes. South Lanarkshire Council Environmental Services hopes that the inconvenience caused by this change may encourage some smokers to reduce the number of cigarettes they smoke or even think about stopping.

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

South Lanarkshire Council Environmental Services would recommend that the specified distance is replaced and that the provisions should relate to all grounds within the boundary of hospital grounds. South Lanarkshire Council Environmental Services feels that having a specified distance merely emphasises the aesthetic purpose of this provision.

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