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Submitted to **Prohibiting smoking outside hospital buildings: Consultation**

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Ministerial Foreword

Section 1 - No-smoking area

1 Do you support the proposal that the distance from hospital buildings which will form the perimeter of the no-smoking areas outside a hospital building should be 15 metres?

Yes

If you have any comments on the perimeter distance please record those here.:

2 Do you support the proposal that the perimeter should be measured from the outside wall of a building and include all land or area under any canopy or overhang even where those extend beyond 15 metres?

Yes

If you have any comments on how and from where the perimeter distance should be measured please record those here.:

Section 2- No-smoking notices

3 Do you support the proposal to set the wording and dimensions of no smoking notices as described above?

No

If you have any comments on the proposed wording and dimensions please record those here.:

Could be amended to more pleasant wording suggestions include :

The no smoking area is now 15 metres from hospital buildings

If you have any questions or concerns please talk to staff

It is not permitted to smoke in the no-smoking area outside the hospital building.

Penalties and fines apply .

Please inform the reception / hospital staff if you observe anyone smoking in the restricted area.

Notices should be on entrance and in grounds .

Section 3 – Exceptions

4 Do you support the proposal that no specific hospital or type of hospital should be exempted under the definition of “hospital” in the Act?

Yes

If you have any comments on this exception please record those here.:

5 Do you support the proposal that no-smoking areas will only apply to buildings used wholly or partly as a hospital?

No

If you have any comments on this exception please record those here.:

This should include all buildings within the grounds even if not used by patients or for clinical use . Staff are equally vulnerable when working in all buildings whatever their designation. All buildings within the hospital perimeter should be subject to the same restrictions . This will avoid confusion and provide an equitable straightforward rule for everyone and avoid some areas becoming smoking corners as much as possible

6 Do you support the proposal that public footpaths, cycle paths and footways should be considered hospital grounds for the purposes of establishing no-smoking areas outside the doorways of hospital buildings, and that the size of the grounds would extend up to 15 metres from the centre of doorways.

Yes

If you have any comments on this please record those here.:

Section 4 - Nicotine Vapour Products on hospital grounds

7 Do you support the proposal that the use of NVPs should be allowed as an alternative to smoking on hospital grounds but not within the no-smoking area outside hospital buildings?

Yes

If you have any comments on the proposal please record these here. :

Our policy is that e-cigarettes and other NVP products should be treated in exactly the same way as tobacco smoking. They are not harm free and as such they should not be encouraged within a healthcare facility. While there is not yet the same body of evidence against secondary exposure to vapour as is established for passive tobacco smoking , there are still challenges for some people e.g. asthmatics. In the same way as tobacco they should not be used in enclosed spaces . A pragmatic approach would therefore be enforce the same rules for vaping as for tobacco smoking and ensure this activity is kept well away from entrances and anywhere that would expose young people to this activity .

There should also be information visible and available on "Thinking of Quitting ? and " where to obtain smoking cessation support locally , including at community pharmacies .

Section 5 – Equalities

8 Do you consider there to be any positive or negative impacts on equality as a result of the proposals in this consultation.

No

If you have comments on any potential impact on equalities please record these here together with evidence and advice on mitigating actions. :

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Yes

Evaluation

Please help us improve our consultations by answering the questions below. (Responses to the evaluation will not be published.)

Matrix 1 - How satisfied were you with this consultation?:

Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

Please enter comments here.:

Matrix 1 - How would you rate your satisfaction with using this platform (Citizen Space) to respond to this consultation?:

Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

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