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Submitted to Draft Environmental Protection (Single-use Vapes) (Scotland) Regulations 2024
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Questions

1 Do you have any feedback on the draft regulations to prohibit the sale and supply of single-use vapes in Scotland?

Please give us your views:

We welcome the regulations to prohibit the sale and supply of disposable vapes. The regulations make a clear definition for single-use vapes being those that are not rechargeable, not refillable, or neither rechargeable nor refillable. Prohibiting the sale of non-rechargeable and non-refillable vapes aligns with broader environmental sustainability goals. Disposable vapes contribute significantly to environmental harm due to their single-use nature. The batteries and materials used in these devices can pose challenges for proper disposal and recycling. In addition, the disposable vape market has been characterised by a lack of consistent regulation and standardisation.

Though not wholly addressed by this legislation, the prohibition of single-use vapes raises awareness of the following risks:

- Potential health risks of aerosol inhalation.
- Impact on lung health.
- Flavourings and respiratory effects.
- Youth vaping.
- Dual use (both nicotine and non-nicotine containing products).

2 Do you have any concerns about how these regulations would work in practice?

Please give us your views:

When introducing this legislation, people who have established use of single use vapes will require support to stop, so that they do not immediately move to using alternative forms of nicotine, be that multi-use vape devices or smoking. Multi-use vapes are also unregulated and expose users to risks described above.

People affected may turn to their teachers, community health workers, link workers and youth workers for support and it will be important to ensure that public health, social care and education teams are informed so that they can help people to stop.

About you

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