



CREATING A SMOKE FREE PRISON ENVIRONMENT

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

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In July 2017 the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) announced its intention for all prisons in Scotland to be smoke free by the end of 2018.

Our move to smoke free prisons has been informed by a large scale Tobacco in Prisons Study (TIPS), led by the University of Glasgow. As part of this study, input on Second Hand Smoke measurement has been provided by the University of Aberdeen.

At the launch of the report into second-hand tobacco smoke in July 2017, which revealed that there were high levels of second hand smoke present in a number of Scottish prisons, I said that it is was not acceptable that those in our care and those who work in our prisons should be exposed to second hand smoke. We have already put measures in place to reduce this risk by insisting that prisoners close their cell doors when they are smoking, thereby reducing the exposure of that smoke to others. We have also modified our daily working practices to reduce this secondary exposure.

However, the fact remains that the only way to remove this risk is to remove smoking from our prisons. This will be a significant challenge as the percentage of people who smoke in prisons is much higher than the community at large. I fully understand how difficult it will be for many in our care to give up smoking - that is why we are committed to working alongside our partners to provide every support possible to assist them.

Through this consultation we are seeking your views about how we should do this and what things we should take into consideration during the planning and implementation periods and I look forward to receiving your views on this important issue.

We are all working to achieve a safer and healthier Scotland and I believe that this is a significant milestone on that journey.

COLIN McCONNELL

Chief Executive, Scottish Prison Service

WHY ARE WE CONSULTING

Consultation is a fundamental part of our policy making process. Moving to smoke free prisons in Scotland will be a significant challenge and we want to hear your views on how we should address some of the challenges we expect to face. This short paper sets out the issues under consideration and asks you questions about what we are proposing. After the consultation is closed, we will publish responses where we have been given permission to do so.

This is a public consultation and anyone can respond. Over the course of the project, SPS intends to consult at length with a number of partner agencies to identify the best ways in which we can support those in our care in advance of, during and following our move to smoke free prison environment. We will also be extensively consulting with those in our care.

Responses will be analysed and may be used as part of the policy making process, along with a range of other available information and evidence. After the consultation is closed, we will publish responses where we have been given permission to do so and we will publish a short summary of the feedback we have received.

RESPONDING TO THE CONSULTATION

The consultation is taking place over a 6 week period. The consultation will close on **Friday 20 October 2017**. The consultation can also be accessed online at: <https://www.sps.gov.uk>

We have provided a 'Respondent Information Form' that asks information about you or your organisation and a 'Response Form,' that lists the questions associated with this consultation. It is very important that the 'Respondent Information Form', is returned along with your response as this will ensure that we handle your response appropriately.

You may answer as many of the questions detailed in the 'Response Form', as you want: there is no need to answer them all. Everything you tell us will help us in our preparations to move to a smoke free prison environment in Scotland.

We are inviting written responses to this consultation paper. The consultation closes on Friday 20 October 2017. We are happy to accept your answers either on the completed form or on a separate piece of paper. Once again please ensure that the 'Respondent Information Form' is sent to us along with your response. You can email your responses to **SPSSmokeFreePrisonsEnquiries@sps.pnn.gov.uk** or send them to the **Smoke Free Prisons Project Team, Scottish Prison Service, Calton House, 5 Redheughs Rigg, Edinburgh, EH12 9HW.**

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RESPONSE FORM

The Scottish Prison Service (SPS) wants our prisons to be safe and healthy places for the people who live, work and visit them and that is why we have made a public commitment to move towards smoke free prisons. It is our intention for all prisons in Scotland to be smoke free by the end of 2018. The sale of tobacco in prisons will cease in 2018 and the SPS will seek to make changes to the Prison Rules to make smoking in Scotland's prisons illegal.

SPS will be working with partner agencies to develop a wide range of supports and interventions to assist those in prison to give up smoking.

1. What steps can SPS take to support those in custody to stop smoking?

Response

2. How can we help families to help those in custody?

Response

3. What range of measures should SPS aim to put in place?

Response

4. Who should SPS be engaging with when planning the move to smoke free prisons, and following implementation?

Response

5. Do you have any other information that you think would help us deliver the aims of this project?

Response

6. General Comments

Response

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RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

Please Note this form **must** be completed and returned with your response.

Are you responding as an individual or an organisation?

- Individual
 Organisation

Full name or organisation's name

Phone number

Address

Postcode

Email

The Scottish Prison Service would like your permission to publish your consultation response. Please indicate your publishing preference:

- Publish response with name
 Publish response only (without name)
 Do not publish response

Information for organisations:

The option 'Publish response only (without name)' is available for individual respondents only. If this option is selected, the organisation name will still be published.

If you choose the option 'Do not publish response', your organisation name may still be listed as having responded to the consultation in, for example, the analysis report.

We will share your response internally with other Scottish Prison Service policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Prison Service to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

Yes

No