

NORTHERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

TOBACCO CONTROL GROUP ACTION PLAN

2007 – 2008

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- Large print {size as required}
- Computer disk
- Audio tape
- Translation

For an alternative format, please contact::

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The Action Plan can also be found on the Board's Website at:
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The Northern Health and Social Services Board Tobacco Control Group lead on the development and delivery of smoking cessation and preventative initiatives throughout the Board area.

The Northern Ireland Continual Household Survey 2004 / 05 noted that regionally 26% of people aged over 16 smoke. The local rate for the NHSSB is 25%, this means that the number of the non-smokers in the NHSSB area has now reached 75%.

The Northern Tobacco Control Group Action Plan 2007 / 08 is developed in response to the Northern Ireland Five Year Tobacco Action Plan and DHSSPS Planned Outcomes 2006 / 08. The key focus of the Action Plan is on preventing people from starting to smoke, helping smokers to quit - especially disadvantaged adults, manual workers, pregnant smokers and young people and protecting non-smokers from second-hand smoke. The delivery of the Action Plan is on-going and is dependant on the availability of resources.

The Action Plan takes into account the Smoking Order 2006, Smoke-free Legislation and Smoke-free Policy developments within the Board area in the protection of people from the exposure to second-hand smoke and encouraging, where possible, the uptake of smoking cessation services.

The NHSSB Tobacco Control Group's present membership includes the following

- Northern Health and Social Services Board
- Ulster Cancer Foundation
- Chest Heart and Stroke Association

- Northern Neighbourhoods Health Action Zone
- Northern Health and Social Care Trust
- North Eastern Education and Library Board
- Environmental Health

Acronym List

BIT – Brief Intervention Training

DHSSPS – Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety

EHO's – Environmental Health Officers

ELB's – Education and Library Boards

FE – Further Education

GP – General Practice

HPA – Health Promotion Agency

HPSS – Health and Personal Social Services

LCID – Local Communication Information Data

LES – Local Enhanced Scheme

NEELB – North Eastern Education and Library Board

NHSSB – Northern Health and Social Services Board

NNHAZ – Northern Neighbourhood Health Action Zone

NRT – Nicotine Replacement Therapy

NTCG – Northern Tobacco Control Group

PFA - Priorities for Action

PR – Public Relations

UCF – Ulster Cancer Foundation