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Headlines

Second year of smoking ban sees 150 prosecuted Western Mail, 02/04/09

Ash Wales members to lobby British American Tobacco Wales Online (Web) , 29/04/09

Youth groups smoking protest South Wales Echo, 29/04/09

Smokers sticking to public ban Flintshire Evening Leader, 02/04/09

Stubbed out Daily Post (Wales) 02/04/09

Smoke ban is a breath of fresh air Daily Post (Wales), 02/04/09

Smokers sticking to public ban Wrexham Evening Leader, 02/04/09

Call for total ban on smoking at hospitals South Wales Echo, 02/04/09

Lighting up in grounds still legal South Wales Evening Post, 03/04/09

Raise fines to stub out issue South Wales Evening Post , 06/04/09

Smokers giving up the battle South Wales Evening Post, 06/04/09

Positive action helps youngsters Flintshire Evening Leader , , 03/04/09

'Ban smoking in hospital grounds' South Wales Argus , 04/04/09

Smoker pays for lighting up South Wales Argus, 07/04/09

Hot debate reignites on smoking ban South Wales Evening Post, 08/04/09

Absurd arguments South Wales Evening Post , 08/04/09

Cabbie fined for smoking in taxi Daily Post (Wales) , 08/04/09

Smoking is bad for you - and so is bossy BMA South Wales Argus , 08/04/09

Cheap cigarette warning Daily Post (Wales) , , 04/04/09

Hospital staff told to smoke within grounds South Wales Evening Post , 13/04/09

Smoking in dignity Western Mail , 15/04/09

52 Conwy smokers fines for not stubbing out fags North Wales Weekly News , 09/04/09

Stub it out in hospital grounds Western Telegraph, 08/04/09

Put it out, right out or face the consequences North Wales Chronicle , 09/04/09

Councillor calls for designated smoking area South Wales Evening Post, 20/04/09

Call for smoke ban in hospital grounds Campaign Blackwood, 15/04/09

Call for smoke ban in hospital grounds Campaign Caerphilly , 15/04/09

Chancellor in U-turn on economic growth Western Mail, 23/04/09

High-earners hit hard as Chancellor tries to find cash for UK's record debt levels Western Mail , 23/04/09

Hot air gowns for all smokers! South Wales Echo, 22/04/09

Dates for the Diary

5th June - Carbon Monoxide Monitoring Training Day

Following on from the Wales Tobacco Control Forum meeting on the 5th June, Bedfont will deliver FREE training on CO monitoring. Places are extremely limited and you must register in advance with sue@ashwales.co.uk.

CO Monitoring Training Day Agenda:

- Why do we monitor carbon monoxide?
- Overview of the different carbon monoxide monitors available and how they work
- Infection control

Don't forget you can now order CO monitoring equipment directly from the ASH Wales website.

5th June - Wales Tobacco Control Forum

The next meeting will be held on the 5th June, in Cardiff. We are currently developing the programme but would like to hear from you about any issues you may wish to see addressed. Please contact sue@ashwales.co.uk for more information.

5th & 6th October -Collaborate, Communicate, Celebrate: Tobacco Control Conference 09

Communicate, Collaborate, Celebrate is a two day tobacco control conference that recognizes the importance of working in partnership across diverse agencies, of spreading the tobacco control message and of celebrating successes in reducing prevalence rates.

Please visit the conference website at www.smoking-conference-wales.org.uk to register and/or to submit an abstract.

Thought for the Month: Health Bill

Well the Health Bill continues to be the main item on the agenda again this month. Whilst the media headlines revisited the anniversary of the ban on smoking in public places in Wales the main action was happening in the House of Lords in Westminster.

On the 5th May the House of Lords voted to put tobacco out of sight in shops across England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The original proposal to restrict sales of tobacco from vending machines with devolved powers for Wales to potentially ban sales from vending machines was maintained by the Lords.

This is a significant step forward for the tobacco control community. The Bill now passes to the House of Commons and will be debated by MPs. We urge you to continue to support the passage of the Bill.

Closer to home, the Wales Tobacco Control Alliance has stepped up its campaign for a Welsh Tobacco Control Strategy. The Alliance (comprised of 20 voluntary, professional and education organisations in Wales) is calling on the Welsh Assembly Government to implement a comprehensive and fully funded tobacco control strategy for Wales. For more information on the Alliance please contact elen@ashwales.co.uk.