

ASH Wales welcomes smoke-free public places

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ASH Wales welcomed today the announcement that Wales will go smoke free on the 2nd April 2007.

Tanya Buchanan, Director of ASH Wales said,

“We are delighted that this very important legislation has been approved and that Wales will implement the ban on smoking in enclosed public places on the 2nd April 2007.

The decision to proceed on the 2nd April 2007 and not to delay until July is an excellent outcome for the health of all people in Wales.

Going smoke free will be the greatest step forward for improving the health of people in Wales. Not only will smoke free public places protect the health of all people from the dangers of second hand smoke, it may assist many smokers who want to quit to do so.

6 000 people in Wales still die every year as a result of tobacco related diseases. The implementation of the ban is a fantastic step in the right direction to reducing this terrible loss of life. However, there is still much work to be done to reduce the number of these totally preventable deaths.”

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