



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC PETITION NO.

PE01774

Name of petitioner

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Petition title

Formally Record Vaping-Related Illnesses and Deaths

Petition summary

Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to collect data on vaping-related illnesses, and vaping during pregnancy, to ensure the best health interventions are provided to all.

Action taken to resolve issues of concern before submitting the petition

I have contacted my Constituency MSP Gil Paterson asking him to explain why Scotland does not record vaping related illnesses or deaths. I did not receive a satisfactory reply therefore a petition is the next available option.

Petition background information

Illnesses related to traditional cigarette smoking, including during pregnancy, is recorded as standard. Vaping is a relatively new phenomena, however, it is still a form of smoking which adversely affects the health of the Scottish people.

NHS Health Scotland reported in 2015, that there are around 10,000 smoking related deaths every year in Scotland. Each year smoking is also responsible for around 33,500 hospital admissions. This does not take into account vaping related hospital admissions or deaths.

The Daily Record reported on 29 September 2019 that children are now being targeted and vaping oils were being marketed at children and sold on online auction website E-Bay without any age checks.

Thirteen people have died in the United States of America because of vaping related lung disease. These deaths have resulted during a multi-state outbreak of lung injuries which have been associated with vaping according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 805 vaping related injuries have been reported by 46 US States.

US Health Officials have called on their citizens not to use vaping products until more research is conducted into the use of vaping and e-cigarettes.

The Scottish Parliament must stand up to the vaping industry, and do all it can to record vaping data so that health interventions, such as by a General Practitioner can take place. It also affords the Scottish Government the opportunities when required, to run specific anti-vaping campaigns to improve the Nation's health.

Unique web address

<https://www.parliament.scot/GettingInvolved/Petitions/Vaping>

Related information for petition

Do you wish your petition to be hosted on the Parliament's website to collect signatures online?

YES

How many signatures have you collected so far?

0

Closing date for collecting signatures online

27 / 12 / 2019

Comments to stimulate online discussion

- Do you agree data on vaping-related illnesses should be recorded as standard?
- Should data on vaping during pregnancy be part of standard recording?