

# Asthma UK Meeting Notes

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**Meeting:** Cross Party Group on Asthma

**Date:** 26.2.14

**Attendees:** Nanette Milne MSP, Richard Simpson MSP, John McGill (GSK), Kara Robertson, Tricia Burns, Mike MacGregor, Elisabeth Ehrlich, Susanne Neilson-Cameron (RPS), Mark Feeney (CPS), Sheila Duffy (Ash Scotland, Speaker)

Discussion	Action	Person to action
<p>Sheila Duffy gave presentation on where we are currently in terms of smoking legislation and campaigning. Progress has been made, smoking rates are reducing in all groups, but the gap between rich and poor remains the same, this has not decreased and causes concern.</p>		
<p>Lots of innovative approaches being piloted, in particular REFRESH. This project offers to go into peoples homes and measure smoke in the air, to show how cigarette smoke can linger in the home for hours. Found to be a successful way of engaging parents and encouraged smoking cessation. Idea to target it with specific groups, for example parents who smoke who's children have asthma.</p>		
<p>Current policy issues include - standard packaging. Due to report to Westminster in Autumn but Scottish Govt have indicated that they will take action.            In vehicles - private members bill in Scottish parliament,            e-cigs - big issue in future. Explosion of use, no effective legislation, big debate over how we maximise benefits while reducing harm.            How does it fit with the vision of tobacco free Scotland by 2034.            PWA very worried that once again they will be prevented from going out to restaurants etc due to exposure to second hand vaping.            MHRA won't be able to do what they say they are going to do if Europe take expected steps.            Look at the public health aspect, first step has to be banning sale to under 18's as soon as possible.            Also advertising is normalising smoking again, major concern for young people.</p>		
<p>Very keen to get views from pwa on 2<sup>nd</sup> hand vaping and its effects.</p>	<p>Look into how to</p>	<p>SH</p>

	get opinions	