**APPG for Responsible Vaping**

**Inquiry on Vaping – Autumn 2024**

**CALL FOR EVIDENCE**

Those wishing to submit evidence to the inquiry should use this form.

Submissions should be sent by email to info@responsiblevapingappg.org by 31 October 2024. Responses to individual questions should be kept to 500 words. Supporting information and evidence will also be accepted (see section 6).

The APPG for Responsible Vaping is committed to transparency. The names of those organisations providing evidence, together with their submission, will be acknowledged in the final report and made available on the APPG for Responsible Vaping website. Personal information will not be released. All information gathered will be treated in accordance with the APPG’s GDPR policies.

The APPG for Responsible Vaping has no links, connections or other engagement with the tobacco industry. If any tobacco company provides a submission to the APPG inquiry, as per guidance on requirements of article 5.3 of the World Health Organization (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), it will not be considered.

**About your organisation**

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| **Q.** Please provide your name and the name of the organisation that you are representing including contact details. Please indicate if you are responding in a personal capacity.  |
| **500 words**  |

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| **Q.** Please outline your organisation’s field of interest/area of expertise in vaping including the relevant sector you represent e.g. public health, retail, manufacturer, regulator etc.  |
| **500 words** |

**Key Lines of Inquiry**

**1. The health impact of vaping including current application and usage**

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| **1a.** Please provide comment and evidence to show the health impact of vaping including how, when and by whom such products are used, and their effectiveness or otherwise. |
| **500 words** |

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| **1b.** How should the government and others in public health treat vaping as part of the Smoke Free 2030 strategy and other health interventions? |
| **500 words**  |

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| **1c.** And what are the barriers to this happening at present and in the future? |
| **500 words**  |

**2. Challenges facing the vape sector, including youth access and the environment**

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| **2a.** How should we tackle issues relating to youth vaping? Please provide details of your experiences and supporting evidence including examples of effective interventions or other work, including from other sectors or countries. What else should the government, regulators, retail and vape sectors be doing in this regard and what does an effective strategy look like? |
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| **2b.** How should we tackle issues relating to the environmental impact of vaping. Please provide comment and evidence on the effectiveness of the current environmental legislative regime, such as the WEEE Directive, whether this is fit for purpose or what changes need to occur. |
| **500 words**  |

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| **2c.** What other measures or schemes could be considered to improve the environmental impact of vaping? Is there, for example, a need to consider innovative take-back schemes together with financial penalties or incentives on the consumer, retailer and manufacturer, and what is the role for government and regulators?  |
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| **2d.** Will the government’s likely proposal to ban single use or disposable vapes be beneficial in tackling youth vaping and the environmental impact of vaping? Are there potential consequences that need to be understood and explored? Please explain and evidence your comments. |
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| **2e.** How can challenges relating to the growth of the illicit vape market be addressed and what role is there for government, regulators, law enforcement, retail, vape manufacturers etc? |
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| **2f.** In recent years, there has been a significant increase among smokers believing that vaping is as harmful as tobacco use. Why has this come about, what are the risks with this and how can such misconceptions be addressed and corrected?  |
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**3. The economic impact of vaping towards public health, retail sector and wider economy**

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| **3a.** What evidence can you share that highlights the economic impact of vaping, both positive and negative, towards the various sectors listed above. |
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| **3b.** What impact will the government’s likely course of legislative action (proposed ban on single-use vapes, banning advertising and branding as well as potential restrictions on vape flavours and retail display) on vaping have on the economic impact of vaping? |
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**4. Proposed government legislative measures including flavours, packaging, display, excise and a ban on certain vaping products**

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| **4a.** Please comment on the government’s likely proposed measures for regulating the vape sector including a ban on single-use vapes and a graduated excise regime – please indicate where you support or oppose such steps and your views on their likely consequences. |
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| **4b.** Please comment on the government’s potential measures around packaging, display and flavours – please indicate where you support or oppose such steps including your views on their likely consequences (the APPG recognises that the government is still to publish full details around a number of these measures).  |
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| **4c.** What are the risks, if any, to achieving the government’s Smoke Free 2030 ambition with its likely course of legislative action? |
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**5. Better regulating the vape sector in the UK**

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| **5a.** Please set out what in your view what would constitute a better regulated vape sector, with reference to examples from other sectors or countries. Where available, provide evidence to highlight how a particular route or measure has achieved its goals in delivering better regulation and the desired outcome. This could include responsibilities for government, regulators, retail and manufactures and both legislative and non-legislative routes. |
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| **5b.** Would a licensing scheme for vaping provide a better regulated sector and how could such a model work? Please provide any evidence tosubstantiate your comments including examples from other sectors or countries, and what would specifically need to occur to make this a feasible & effective scheme? |
| **500 words** |

**6. Other**

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| **6a.** Please use this space to set out any other information or comments that you like to submit that you do not feel have been adequately covered by the above. **Respondents can also submit an attachment.**  |
| **500 words** |