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Dear Consultee

CONSULTATION ON REGULATIONS TO RESTRICT THE AGE OF SALE FOR NICOTINE INHALING PRODUCTS TO OVER EIGHTEENS

The Department of Health would like to seek your views on draft regulations to restrict the age of sale of nicotine inhaling products (NIPs) to persons over the age of eighteen.

The *Nicotine Inhaling Products (Age of Sale and Proxy Purchasing) Regulations* prohibit both the sale of NIPs (including e-cigarettes) to under eighteens and the purchase of these products on behalf of a minor (known as proxy purchasing). The legislation also exempts the sale of NIPs which are licensed as medicines, where they have been prescribed to a child or where the medicine is indicated for use by children. The regulations will be enforced by local district councils.

Responding to the consultation

This consultation exercise gives you the opportunity to comment on these legislative proposals. The consultation document is available on the Department's website: <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations>. A hard copy, or a copy in a different format, can be obtained by contacting the telephone number provided below.

Please ensure that your completed questionnaire includes; your name, organisation (if relevant), address, email address (if available) and telephone number, and whether your comments represent your own view or the corporate view of your organisation.

The closing date for comments is 5pm on Friday 27 October 2017. Responses received after this date will only be considered in exceptional circumstances and with prior agreement from the Department.

You should return your response by email or post to the following address:

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Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J McAlarney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a long, sweeping underline.

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