

Wales Safer Communities Network response to: Proposal to end the sale of energy drinks to children under 16

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Response submitted via the online survey

Questions

Q.1 Do you agree with the proposal to ban the sale of energy drinks to children under 16?

Yes

Q.2 Should the ban be widened to consider other drinks typically high in caffeine such as tea and coffee?

No

Please Explain.

As long as they don't contain high levels of caffeine. It would be more difficult to police tea and coffee as they are available in almost every household. However, there should be more education about the risks associated with having too much caffeine.

Q.3 Do you agree that the ban should cover all shops, including through online environments?

Yes

Please Explain

It should include cafes and other areas as well as shops and online environments.

Q.4 If children are prevented from buying energy drinks from vending machines, how should this be done?

They should be removed from vending machines, just as alcohol is not available in them.

Q.5 Do you think the proposals in this consultation document might have an effect on the following?

- Those living in rural areas
- Specific socio-economic groups
- Children and young people
- Equality in relation to; – Age – Sex – Race – Religion – Sexual orientation – Pregnancy and maternity – Disability – Gender reassignment – Marriage/civil partnership If yes, which and please explain.

Yes, children and young people will not have access to the drinks, however the health effects and attitudes in terms of lower levels of behavior associated with high energy drinks should ultimately lead to positive outcomes, but for those who are already addicted to them they may need additional help to stop drinking them

Q.6 We would like to know your views on the effects the consultation would have on the Welsh language, specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English. What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

No Comments

Q.7 If there are any further matters that you would like to raise or any further information that you would like to provide in relation to this consultation, please give details here.

Enforcement will be required and consideration should be given to carrying out an awareness raising campaign so that the required adjustments can be made in relevant shops and organisations.