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Regards,
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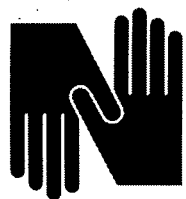
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Monday 26th February 2007

Dear Mr Glen

Smoking Prevention Working Group Report: Towards a Future without Tobacco

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The RCN has long been committed to supporting measures aimed at promoting good public health and health improvement, including tightening controls on the sale, advertising and consumption of tobacco and tobacco-related products. Nurses are at the forefront of promoting smoking cessation projects and positive approaches to discouraging smoking and promoting healthy lifestyles¹. Therefore we at RCN Scotland strongly support the recommendations proposed in 'Towards a Future without Tobacco'. We are very impressed with the level of detail and the wide ranging scope of the recommendations. If they are all implemented we believe they would result in a huge reduction in smoking prevalence and initial uptake in Scotland. We believe that these measures really will save lives and may be the most important new public health interventions of this decade.

We would like to emphasise however the importance of ensuring that adequate resources are identified to support implementation and to ensure momentum is not lost we recommend that the Scottish Executive publish its timescales for implementation.

We look forward to participating in any future consultation processes.

Yours sincerely

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