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Annwyl Ms Bryant,

### **Plant a phobl ifanc yn e-smygu mewn ysgolion.**

Diolch am eich llythyr ar 11 Medi ynglŷn â phlant a phobl ifanc yn e-smygu mewn ysgolion ac yn cynnig y wybodaeth ganlynol fel ein hymateb.

Mae ysgolion, wrth gwrs, yn chwarae eu rhan ac mae ganddynt bolisi dim goddefgarwch i unrhyw ddysgwyr sy'n e-smygu mewn ysgolion. Mae ysgolion yn cyfathrebu â'u dysgwyr, eu rhieni a'u gofawyr i sicrhau bod pobl ifanc a'u teuluoedd yn deall y ffeithiau iechyd am e-smygu a gwybod am e-smygu a'r gyfraith. Mae hwn yn fater cynyddol i ysgolion, ac maent yn gweithio'n agos gyda'u cynghorau yn barhaus ar y ffordd orau o fynd i'r afael â'r mater hwn wrth ddarparu'r cymorth a'r cyngor priodol i'r bobl ifanc yn eu hysgolion.

Mae adrannau Safonau Masnach yn ymdrin ag ystod ehangach o statudau a rheoliadau amrywiol, sy'n cynnwys ymhlith pethau eraill, safonau bwyd, rheoli pwysau a mesurau, diogelwch cynnyrch, credyd defnyddwyr, iechyd a lles anifeiliaid, gwerthiannau dan oed ac ati. Ar gyfer cyd-destun, mae llawer o adrannau bellach yn ymateb i gwynion ac yn gweithredu ar wybodaeth a dderbynnir ac maent yn gyfyngedig yn yr hyn y gallant ei gyflawni'n rhagweithiol.

Mae gwerthiant o dan oed ystod eang o gynhyrchion yn parhau i fod yn bryder i safonau masnach, a'u nod yw cyfeirio adnoddau i dynnu sylw at gynhyrchion problemus a gweithgaredd busnes lle mae gwerthiant cynhyrchion dan oed a chynhyrchion cyfyngedig yn broblem.

Mae'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf ar gyfer 22/23 gan Safonau Masnach yn dangos, ar gyfer e-smygu sy'n cynnwys nicotin, bod 196 ymgais i brynu profion ledled Cymru (nid pob ALI a ddarperir data) wedi cael eu gwneud gan blant dan oruchwyliaeth o

dan 18 oed ledled Cymru (nid pob un o'r Awdurdodau Lleol). O'r 196 ymdrechion, gwerthwyd 49 o weithiau. Cynhaliwyd camau gorfodi dilynol, yn unol â pholisi gorfodi'r awdurdod lleol.

Mae swyddogion Safonau Masnach hefyd yn gweithio gydag ysgolion yng Nghymru i helpu i ddarparu cyngor ac addysg i ddisgyblion. Er enghraifft, yn Ynys Môn, mae swyddogion wedi ymweld ag o leiaf tair ysgol uwchradd yn y cyfnod diwethaf at y diben hwn.

Yn Lloegr, mae'r llywodraeth ganolog wedi cyhoeddi £3m o gyllid i fynd i'r afael â gwerthu sigarêts yn anghyfreithlon. Mae Safonau Masnach yng Nghymru yn trafod achos busnes gyda swyddogion Llywodraeth Cymru er mwyn darparu cynllun tebyg i Gymru.

Mewn perthynas â natur apelgar e-smygu plentyn (sy'n cynnwys nicotin neu fel arall), byddai Safonau Masnach yn cefnogi'r achos dros ddeunydd pacio safonol, nad yw'n apelio atodol.

Hefyd dewch o hyd i gyflwyniad PowerPoint gwybodaeth, a gyflwynwyd gan Safonau Masnach Cymru, i Gyfarwyddwyr Gwarchod y Cyhoedd Cymru, sy'n rhoi rhagor o wybodaeth mewn perthynas â delio â'r broblem hon – gan gynnwys yr angen i dalu am gostau samplu a dadansoddi drud, a storio cynhyrchion anghyfreithlon sydd wedi'u hatafaelu gan swyddogion.

Rwy'n gobeithio y bydd hyn o gymorth i drafodaethau'r Pwyllgor.

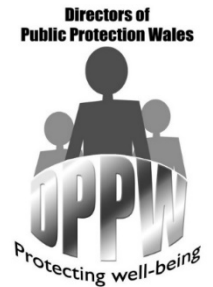
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**Y Cyng / Cllr Ian Roberts**  
**Llefarydd Addysg CLILC**  
**WLGA Education Spokesperson**

# The vapes market

*and the challenge for local authorities in Wales*



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# In the headlines

## Kids being hospitalised by vaping as youth e-cigarette smoking 'is becoming epidemic'

A paediatric respiratory consultant issued a shocking warning today as they revealed how children are being admitted to hospital because of vapes – as calls to ban the e-cigarettes grow

By **Kieren Williams**, News Reporter

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BOOKMARK

Young kids are being hospitalised by **vaping** as calls grow to ban **e-cigarettes**.

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Dr McKean, a doctor at the Great North Children's **Hospital** in Newcastle, said they were seeing a rising number of children developing dangerous lung conditions related to **vaping**.

The vice president for policy at the Royal College of Paediatrics and Children Health (RCPCH) also called for a ban on disposable e-cigarettes as the organisation warned that "youth vaping is fast becoming an epidemic".

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# In the headlines

**STARK WARNING** I took up vaping instead of cigarettes aged 16 but ended up on life support with organ failure – don't make my mistake

Alice Fuller

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**A TEENAGER** who took up vaping as an alternative to smoking ended up on a life support machine with organ failure.

Ewan Fisher made the switch in a bid to improve his [boxing](#) skills and overall [fitness](#) - but he found himself with the lungs of an 80-year-old.

The lad said he was puffing away on fruity [e-cigarettes](#) up to 14 times a day, which caused a condition called hypersensitivity pneumonitis.

This occurs when the lungs develop an immune response to something you breathe in, resulting in inflammation of the tissue.

Ewan fell ill the night before he was due to start his [GCSE](#) exams aged 16.

He spent [eight weeks in intensive care](#) and then needed an artificial lung to keep him alive.

## READ MORE ON VAPING



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# In the headlines



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## DEADLY RISK Urgent warning as vapes contaminated with flesh-eating drug found in Britain

Joe Davies

Published: 21:00, 28 Jun 2023 | Updated: 9:24, 29 Jun 2023



VAPES contaminated with a deadly, flesh-eating drug have been found in Britain, The Sun can reveal.

Xylazine, a horse tranquilliser causing havoc with [drug](#) users in the [US](#), was discovered in modified [e-cigarettes](#).

Health bosses issued a warning to [NHS](#) clinics because it causes skin and tissue necrosis and is easy to overdose on.

Experts said the vapes, which were impounded in Luton, [Beds](#), could kill unsuspecting users.

Abbas Kanani, superintendent pharmacist at [Chemist Click](#), said: "It could have serious and potentially dangerous effects.

"In severe cases, [respiratory depression](#) can be life-threatening."



Health

## BAD HABIT Urgent vape warning as e-cigarettes leave children suffering with collapsed lungs

Harry Goodwin

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# Size of the market

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- 4.3 million people vape regularly (GB)
- Half a billion vapes bought each year in the UK
- 168 million of these are single use



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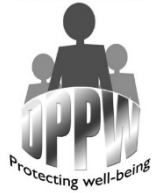
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# Underage Sales

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- Across Wales, 15% of young volunteer attempts to purchase nicotine containing vapes have resulted in a sale
- Test purchase failure rate is as high as 24% in some areas
- Anecdotal evidence that retailers are not taking underage sales of nicotine containing vapes as 'seriously' as underage sales of alcohol or tobacco



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# Illegal vapes and product safety

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- Non-compliant with regulations
- Liquid strength greater than 20mg /ml
- Liquid volume greater than 2ml / approx. 600 puffs
- Vapes and liquids not registered with the MHRA
- Presence of heavy metals (e.g. lead, nickel and chromium)
- In one area of Wales in 22-23, 14/37 test purchases (38%) resulted in the sale of illegal vapes
- In the same area there were 37 seizures of illegal vapes (retail value £51k)



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# Links to serious crime

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- Concerns that illegal vapes are becoming the new illegal tobacco, but with a wider audience
- Evidence that illegal vapes are being concealed on premises in the same way as illegal tobacco
- Intelligence suggests vapes are being used to groom children and there are CSE concerns at specific premises



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# Environmental concerns

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## Material Focus research in 2022 reported

- 1.3 million single use vapes are thrown away each week in the UK
- Across all vapes, the equivalent of 23 tonnes of lithium is thrown away per year – equivalent to 3000 batteries for electric vehicles

*Disposal of seized vapes is not straightforward and is proving costly for authorities*



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# Tackling the problem

Announcing the new crackdown on Tuesday, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said

*'I'm deeply concerned about the sharp rise in kids vaping and shocked by reports of illicit vapes containing lead getting into the hands of school children'*

*'Our new **illicit vape enforcement squad** – backed by £3million – is on the case, but clearly there is more to do. That is why I am taking further action today to clamp down on rogue firms who unlawfully target our children with these products'*

The UK Government's call for evidence on youth vaping closed in June:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/youth-vaping-call-for-evidence/youth-vaping-call-for-evidence>

Crackdown on illegal vapes after LBC exposed scandal of nicotine filled e-cigs sold with no age checks

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Rishi Sunak has pledged to crack down on illegal vape marketing, following an LBC investigation. Picture: Alamy/LBC

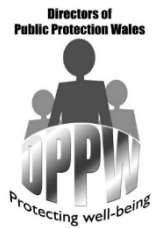


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# What support is needed in Wales ?

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- Sampling and analysis of products (reference to a central database to avoid duplication)
- OPSS proposal for disposal of seized vapes through approved WEEE recycling schemes – still the cost of transport to be addressed
- Operational support / detection dogs
- Storage of seized products...

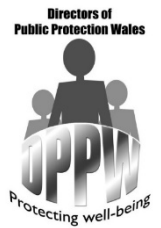


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# Next steps...

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- TSW in discussion with Welsh Government
- Business case is being prepared



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