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RE Official information request CDHB 9985

We refer to your email dated 29 November 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

- **Do vapers and eCigs have different regulations and therefore can basically be used anywhere? Even on public transport?**

The current ban on smoking in workplaces, early childhood centres and schools only applies to smoking. It does not apply to vaping products however individual employers and business owners can decide whether or not to include vaping in their Smokefree policies.

The Ministry of Health position on vaping:

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/preventative-health-wellness/tobacco-control/vaping-and-smokeless-tobacco>

The Government recently announced (23/11/2018) that it intends to ban vaping from workplaces, early childhood centres and schools. Members of the public will have a say on the legislative amendments proposed next year when the Select Committee calls for submissions:

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/health/108816764/plan-to-ban-vaping-in-bars-restaurants-schools-and-workplaces-in-new-zealand>

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Canterbury DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely



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