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bcc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: FOI - Smokefree South West [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I am content for my email of 5 July 2012 to be provided in full, as part of your response to this FOI request.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

Message sent from a Blackberry handheld device.

**From:** [REDACTED]@smokefreesouthwest.org.uk]  
**Sent:** 27/07/2012 10:50 CET  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]@smokefreesouthwest.org.uk>  
**Subject:** FOI - Smokefree South West

Hi [REDACTED]

Fiona Andrews has asked that I get in touch with you.

We have received an FOI request that asks for details of communication about the extension of the Plain Standardised Packaging consultation. We would like to supply a copy of the email received on 5<sup>th</sup> July (below) which informed us of the extension. Could you confirm that you would be happy for us to provide this to the inquirer. The deadline for our response is this Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> July.

We have attached the full FOI plus the original FOI response that is referenced and our proposed response for your information.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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Tobacco remains the single biggest cause of preventable death and disease in the South West

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**From:** [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk]

**Sent:** 05 July 2012 10:10

**To:** [tobaccopacks@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:tobaccopacks@dh.gsi.gov.uk)

**Subject:** Consultation on standardised packaging for tobacco products - extension to closing date

Dear colleague,

You will be aware that the Government's consultation on standardised packaging for tobacco products is currently underway. A large number of responses have already been received from a variety of individuals and organisations.

The Government has been asked to provide more time for people to respond to the consultation. The Government has an entirely open mind on standardised packaging and Health Ministers want to maximise the opportunity that people have to provide their views and evidence.

The Government is, therefore, extending the consultation period for an extra month. **The new closing date of the consultation is Friday, 10 August 2012.**

Through this consultation, we are exploring whether action on tobacco packaging has the potential to bring public health benefits over and above those from our current initiatives. The Government is to know more about the possible benefits and consequences of taking action in this area.


Any decisions to take further policy action on tobacco packaging will be taken only after full consideration is given to consultation responses, evidence and other relevant information.

The consultation is available on the web at:

<http://consultations.dh.gov.uk/tobacco/standardised-packaging-of-tobacco-products/consultview>

I would be grateful if you would pass this information on to anyone else you believe might be interested.

Best wishes,

  
Tobacco Programme Manager  
Department of Health

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