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Subject: FW: AMENDMENT : RCT Intoxicating Substances (Including Alcohol) PSPO Consultation 2021

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Hi

The below in yellow and red are our responses from SWP.

Andy – Thank you so much for putting this together for SWP.

1. The name of your agency/department. – **South Wales Police**
2. Is your agency aware of the Intoxicating Substances (Including Alcohol) PSPO I.e. That the whole of RCT is a 'Controlled Drinking Zone' and Pontypridd and Aberdare Town Centres are 'Intoxicating Substances Exclusion Zones'? **yes**
3. Does your agency/department support the extension of the RCT borough wide 'Controlled Drinking Zone' for a further 3 years? **yes**
4. Does your agency/department support the extension of the 'Intoxicating Substances Exclusion Zones' in Pontypridd and Aberdare Town Centres for a further 3 years? **yes**
5. In your opinion, what elements of the current PSPO work? **There has been an increase in awareness regarding the powers around the PSPO and as such, SWP have seen an increase in the submission of ASB referrals and sharing of occurrences to local authority for FPN enforcement (19 since summer 2020)**
6. Are there any improvements that your agency/department would like to suggest for consideration if the PSPO is extended for a further 3 years? **Maintain the awareness around the PSPO – could there be a consideration of an 'Operation Luscombe' style enforcement...tiered approach where repeat offenders are placed onto the CPW / CPN pathway and pointed to intervention services if appropriate or breaches become police enforceable at the time of the offence**
7. Please include any figures/anecdotal evidence that your agency **The current wording of the PSPO is confusing with interpretation of the offence not made clear.**

I would request clarity of wording the offence - For the Town Centres:

Persons must not be in possession of an open container of alcohol in a public place within the PSPO zone (except on licensed premises or on a designated area where a pavement licence is in force).

Persons must not consume alcohol in a public place within the PSPO zone (save on licensed premises or on a designated area where a pavement licence is in force).

Is the act of possession / consumption the offence? Or is the offence as follows;

- It is an offence to continue to drink alcohol in PSPO zone when asked not to do so by a police officer, PCSO or any other authorised person.
- It is also an offence to fail to surrender any alcohol, in an open container, to a police officer, PCSO or any other authorised person when asked to do so.

It is important to stress that the consumption of alcohol in a public space cannot be banned, failing to comply with an officer's request to stop drinking and/or surrender alcohol is an offence

Kind regards

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