

Strengthening the regulation of commercial sunbeds in England

CIEH response to a Department of Health and Social Care consultation

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Responses to consultation questions

About you

In what capacity are you responding to this survey?

- On behalf of an organisation

Do you own a business (or are you responding on behalf of a business) that offers sunbed services?

- No

What type of organisation are you responding on behalf of?

- Membership and awarding body for the environmental health sector

Mandatory age verification through ID checks

Do you support or oppose mandatory ID checks of sunbed users to verify their age?

- Strongly support

Mandatory supervision of sunbed use

Do you support or oppose mandatory supervision of sunbeds?

- Strongly support

Prohibiting the sale or hire of sunbeds to people under the age of 18

Do you support or oppose prohibiting the sale or hire of sunbeds to under 18s?

- Strongly support

Mandatory provision of health risk information

Do you support or oppose the mandatory provision of clear and accessible information on health risks associated with sunbed use?

- Strongly support

Mandatory provision of protective eyewear

Do you support or oppose mandating businesses to provide protective eyewear?

- Strongly support

Prohibiting the promotion of unproven health benefits

Do you support or oppose the prohibition for businesses to promote unproven health benefits of sunbed use?

- Strongly support

Impact of the proposed regulations

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

The proposed regulations would improve user awareness of the health risks from sunbed use.

- Strongly agree

The proposed regulations would prevent use of sunbed services by under 18s.

- Strongly agree

The proposed regulations would improve protection of sunbed users' health.

- Neutral

If users are provided with information about the health risks and still choose to use sunbeds, they are still at risk.

Further comments

Please include any further comments that you wish to share.

We believe that it makes sense for the requirements in England to be more aligned with the requirements already in place in other parts of the UK.

We believe that the scope of the proposed new licensing scheme for non-surgical cosmetic procedures should be extended to include tattooing, piercing and electrolysis. We would support extending it to include sunbed provision as well.