

Electronic Cigarette Priority Setting Partnership

Gathering questions about electronic cigarettes

765 People from all over the world – people who currently smoke or vape, people who smoked or vaped in the past, never smokers, as well as health and social care providers – completed a survey asking for their questions about electronic cigarette research.



1887
Submissions

142
Submissions
out of scope

Working with the data

1745 Questions were organised into themes, merged and rewritten as summary questions. Then we identified whether any of the questions had already been sufficiently answered.

52
Summary
questions

Interim Priority Setting

415 People from all over the world completed a second survey to shortlist the 52 questions and prioritise their top 10 electronic cigarette questions.

26
Questions
shortlisted

Interim Priority Setting

26 People from across England – people who smoke or vape, people who used to smoke or vape, as well as health and social care providers – participated in a 1 day workshop to review and rank the 26 shortlisted questions.



**Top
10**

**Prioritised
questions**

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Top 10 priorities for electronic cigarette research

1. Long term effects

What are the long term effects of vaping? Compared to smoking, ex-smokers, never-smokers and NRT use?

2. Ingredients and flavours

What effect do the ingredients, chemicals and flavourings have on health, and how does this differ from cigarettes?

3. Pregnancy

What effect does vaping in pregnancy (and when breastfeeding) have on the health outcomes of the fetus and baby, compared to smoking? Including any long term effects.

4. Mental health

How effective are e-cigarettes for smoking cessation in patients with mental health problems? And what effect do they have on mental health?

5. Barriers and facilitators

What are the barriers and facilitators for e-cigarette use for smoking cessation? What different barriers may exist for those with mental health problems or heavily dependent smokers?

6. Effectiveness

How do e-cigarettes compare to other treatments for stopping smoking, in terms of effectiveness, cost-effectiveness, long-term abstinence, and relapse to smoking?

7. Impact of restrictions

What impact do restrictions on vaping (e.g. including vaping in smoke free policies; age limits; tank size) have on smoking behaviour and smoking cessation? as well as perceptions of harm from vaping?

8. Testing

What testing should be done on the flavourings, ingredients and devices to ensure they are safe?

9. Providing e-cigarettes

Will prescribing/providing e-cigarettes to pregnant smokers encourage smoking cessation, and reduce risk of relapse?

10. Second hand vape

What effect does second hand vape have on adults (including pregnant women), children and animals, and how does this compare to second hand smoke?