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Paper to note 5

Health and Social Care Committee

**Factual briefing on the Public Health White Paper
Additional information from the Chief Medical Officer**

Follow up to Oral Evidence 8 October 2014: Dr. Ruth Hussey, Chief Medical Officer

Regarding the Committee's specific query about the statistical information referenced at para. 120, the exact figures from CHETS2 (Exposure to second hand smoke and e-cigarette use among 10-11 year old children in Wales) are that 6% had tried an e-cigarette; while 2% had tried a normal tobacco cigarette. The following is the direct quote from the report:

"Overall, 6% reported having used an e-cigarette at least once; three times as many as had tried smoking tobacco (2%). Hence, most children who reported that they had used an e-cigarette had never smoked a tobacco cigarette."