

Key Figures

Source: Impact of Vaping on Aberdeenshire Primary Schools Survey
Local SIMD Quintile taken from Data Zone of Primary School



22%

say vaping is having an impact on their school



74%

say that vaping is having no impact on their school

Impact on the school environment



is the biggest impact vaping is having on schools



Vape litter in playground

is the most common negative impact



1%

of schools are aware a pupil is vaping to quit smoking



33%

say that vaping is having a negative impact

Pupil Education Resources



is most common support schools have highlighted they need

Email



has been highlighted as most common way to engage with parents / guardians of young people

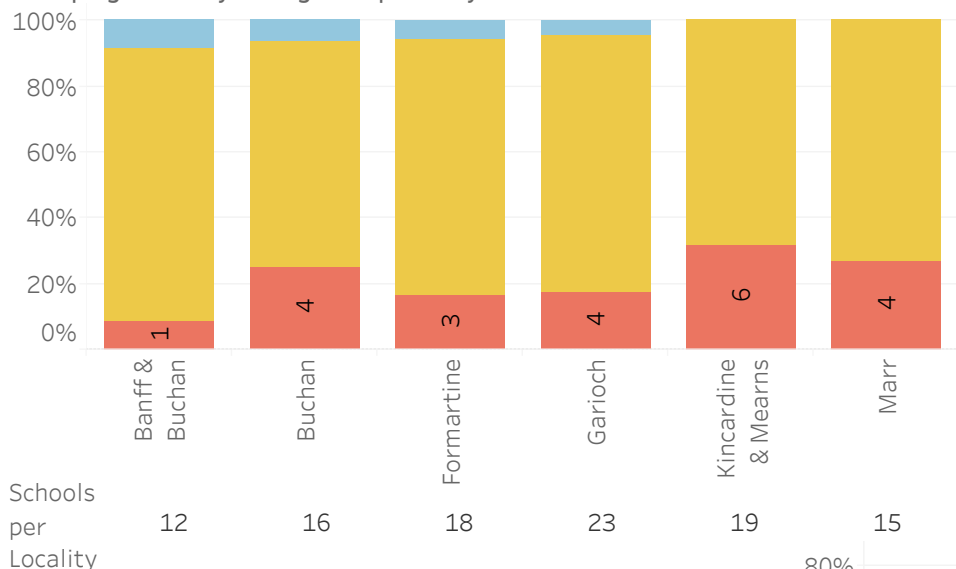
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out of 147 Aberdeenshire Primary Schools took part

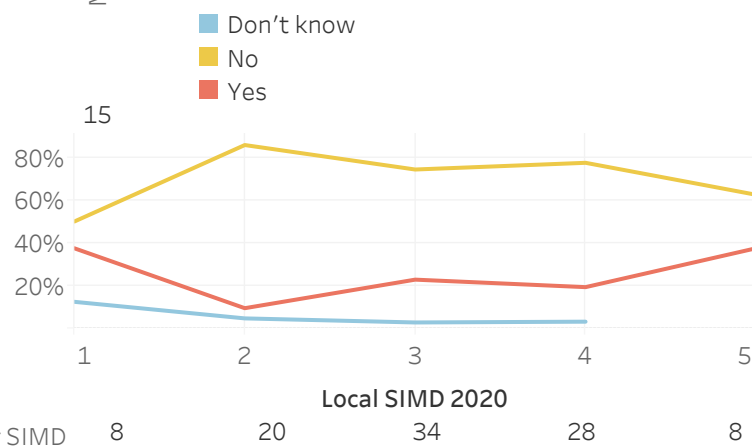
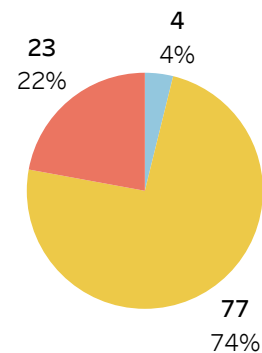
Impacts of Vaping

Is vaping currently having an impact on your school?



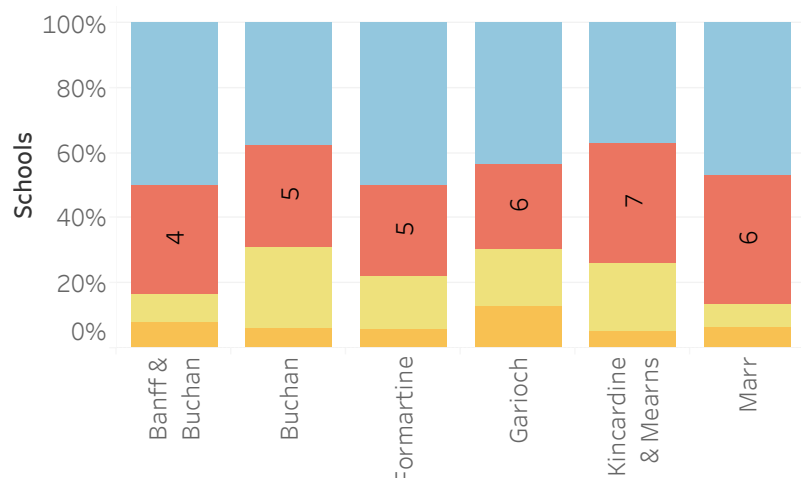
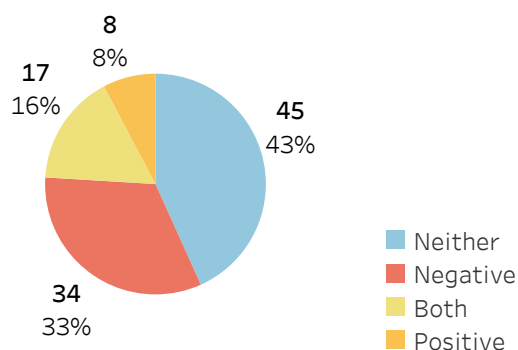
Schools per Locality

74% of schools report that vaping is not currently impacting their school, with 32% of Kincardine & Mearns schools reporting that vaping is impacting their school. 37.5% of schools in SIMD 1 (most deprived quintile) and 37.5% of SIMD 5 schools (least deprived quintile) report that vaping is currently impacting their schools.

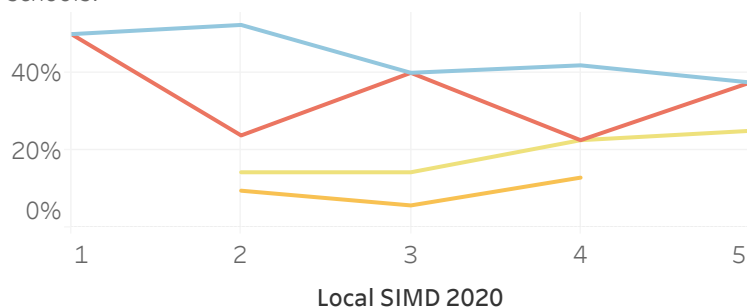


Schools per SIMD

Are these impacts positive or negative?



33% of schools report that vaping is having a negative impact on their school, with 40% of Marr schools reporting that vaping is negatively impacting their school. 13% of schools in Garioch (3) reported vaping as having a positive impact on their school. 50% of schools in SIMD 1 (most deprived quintile) and 40% of SIMD 3 schools report that vaping is currently having a negative impact on their schools.



	Negative
Banff & Buchan	33.3%
Buchan	31.3%
Formartine	27.8%
Garioch	26.1%
Kincardine & Mearns	36.8%
Marr	40.0%

Are you aware whether any pupils are using vapes to quit smoking?



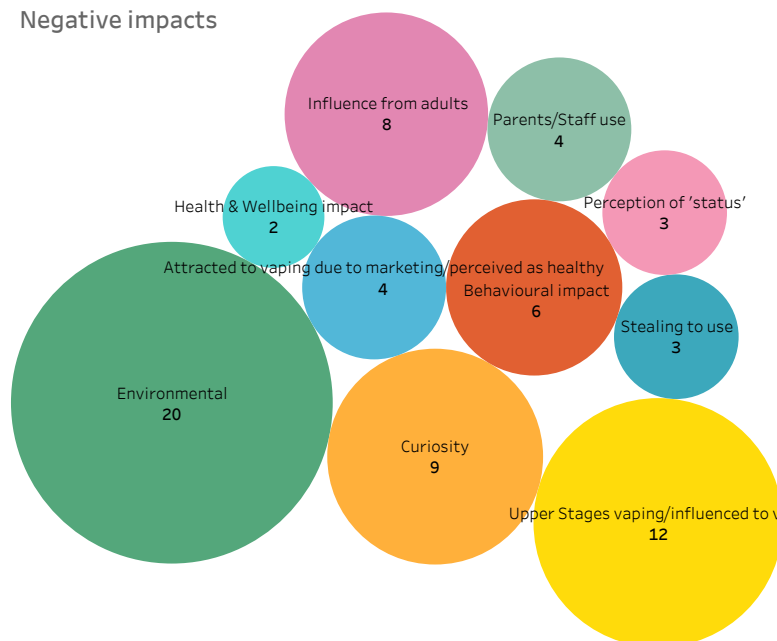
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Positive impacts

4 schools reported positive impacts, however schools noted that children were aware and it allowed the school to bring up the subject of vaping to discuss with pupils.

Brings up the subject of vaping for us to discuss with pupils	1
Children are aware	1
Our pupils are not engaging with vaping at this time	1
Some staff have switched from smoking to vaping, which is better for their personal health.	1

Negative impacts



Negative impacts have been grouped, with schools noting that vape litter in playground was the most common negative impact (17 schools reported this), in some cases janitors picking up in high numbers. P6 and P7 pupils appear to have been seen or influenced to vape, with younger pupils picking up vapes and using them. A number of parents are reported to be vaping during pick-up time or when children are playing.

A number of schools reported that children seemed "fascinated and intrigued" and were "attracted by the bright colours and size", of vapes, noting that children "believe vaping is aimed at children due to the flavours e.g. bubblegum"

Biggest impact vaping is having on schools

Garioch

Impact on the school environment 4	Children have no awareness that they shouldn't have them 1	P4 and P7 children having access to vapes and carrying them in their bags 1	Pupil behaviour 1	Spoken to children
	It is alarming how many parents allow their children to vape 1			
	Local shops selling vapes to underage children 1	The appeal to children and young people that vaping has 1		Vaping on bus but it's not accepted nothing can prevent
	Older siblings vaping in house and in the community 1	The availability of vapes to young children 1		Young children interested in children vapes 1
Children and parents thinking vaping is not harmful or addictive like smoking				
Children bringing vapes from home with no awareness that they shouldn't have them				
Impact on the school environment 5	Attempts at vaping in school from older pupils 1	P6/P7 have been taking vapes into school having obtained them locally in the	Pupils as young as P6 admitting that they are addicted to vaping 1	Spoken to children
	Children are attracted by the bright colours and size 1			Spoken to children
	Local trading standards and Police Scotland CLO have been trying to support school and local community to	Vape litter in playground 1		Young children picking up vapes from local community and bringing into school

Kincardine & Mearns Marr

Impact on the school environment 4	Staff time taken up dealing with the issue 4	Impact on the school environment 3	
		Speak about others vaping 1	Staff concern for pupils beginning to vape, not realising the serious implications of vaping.
		We feel this may be the tip of the ice berg 1	
Parental anxiety when children speak about vapes at school			
Pupil behaviour 1	Very small number of children using vapes 1	Impact on the school environment 2	Raising
Pupils moving to secondary school start to vape 1			
Staff time taken up dealing with the issue 1		Pupil behaviour 1	

Buchan

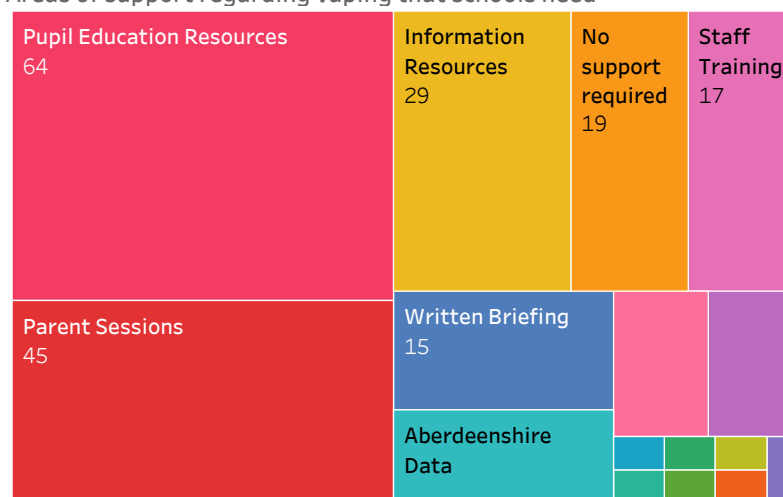
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Formartine

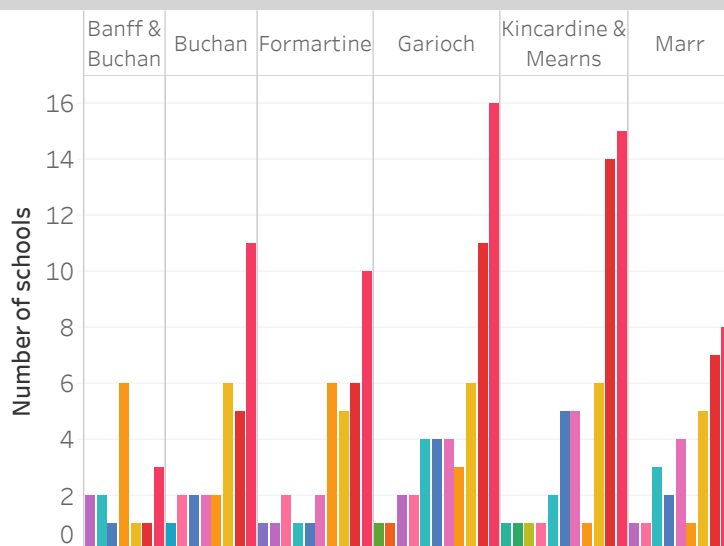
Impact on the school environment is highlighted as the biggest impact schools see, with 18 schools reporting this.

Support & Further Engagement

Areas of support regarding vaping that schools need

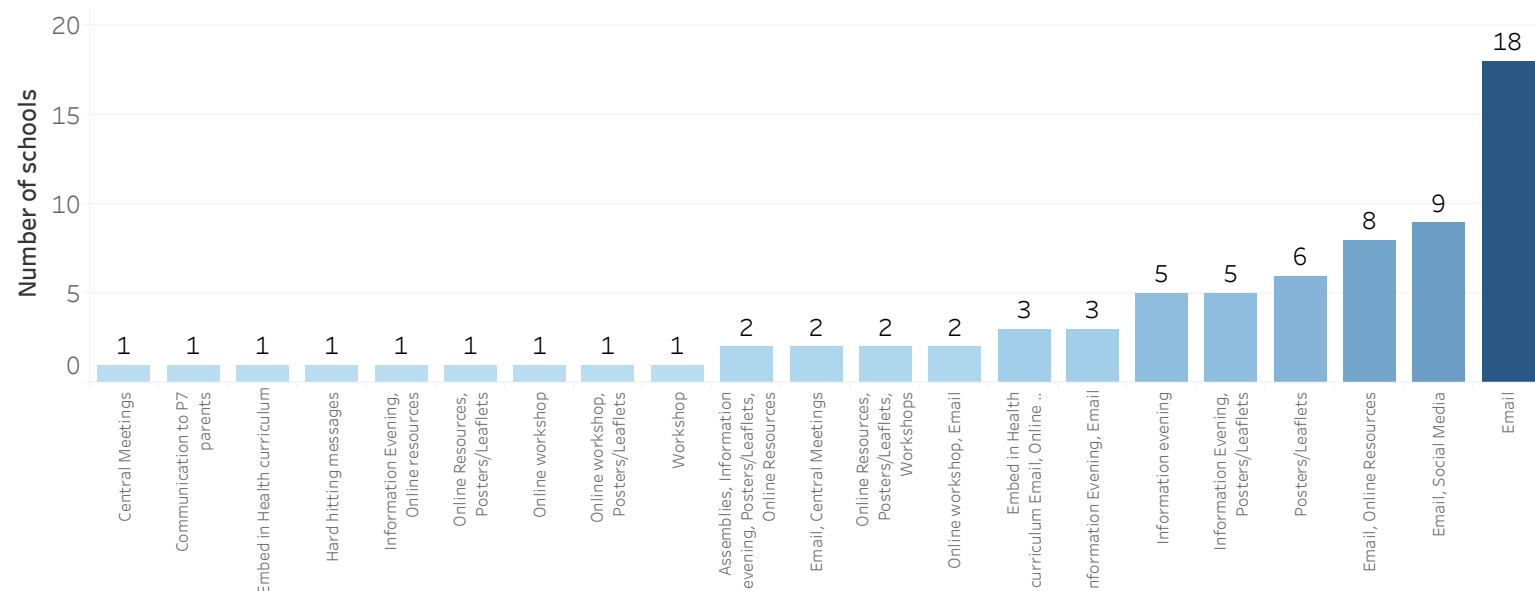


- A link to access all of the above
- Aberdeenshire Data
- Aberdeenshire Policy communicated to parents
- Cessation Support
- Charter for what happens in school transport and a clear action plan to have vaping addressed.
- Developing and Evaluation Pilot Project
- Information Resources
- No support required
- Parent Education Resources
- Parent Sessions
- Pupil Education Resources
- Recycling of vapes
- Staff Training
- Tobacco and Vape Policy
- We would be happy to share details of any cluster or wider authority events with our parents.
- Written Briefing



64 schools highlighted that they would like to be supported with pupil education resources. 45 schools noted that parent sessions would be useful. The most common response in Banff & Buchan was that no support was required.

Best ways to engage with parents/guardians/carers of young people attending schools regarding vaping



Interested in being considered for the CHARIS and NHSG Research project - Preventing Children from starting vaping

10 schools noted interest in being considered for the CHARIS and NHS Grampian Research project - Preventing Children from starting vaping. 33 noted that they would like more information.

	Maybe,		No	Yes
	No answer	would like more info..		
Banff & Buchan	2	2	7	1
Buchan	1	5	9	1
Formartine	1	6	10	1
Garioch	1	7	12	3
Kincardine & Mearns	2	11	3	3
Marr		2	12	1
Grand Total	7	33	54	10