

25 July 2019

Information Rights & Compliance Team
99 Waverley Road
St Albans
Hertfordshire
AL3 5TL

Tel: 01727 804954
Email: Hpkt.foi@nhs.net

Our Ref: FOI/03334

Thank you for your request concerning the commissioning of stop smoking services.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

Request 1:

- **Please confirm or deny if you are currently, or have been in any year since 2015-16, commissioned to provide stop smoking services**
 - **If confirm, please provide your allocated budget for a) this financial year (2019-20) and b) each of the previous years to 2015-16 that you have been commissioned to deliver the service**
 - **If deny, please confirm or deny if you have access to an on-site stop smoking service**

Deny - The Trust is not commissioned to provide stop smoking services as such. Our staff are trained in smoking cessation and support service users receiving our services. We receive CQUIN funding for referring service users who smoke to GPs and other external services, as well as providing these service users with printed information about the dangers of smoking. However this is not a stop smoking service.

The Trust also provides licensed quitting aids for inpatient service users who want to stop smoking but this is not commissioned or budgeted separately.

Request 2:

- **Please confirm or deny if you have a) pharmacotherapies and b) licensed nicotine-replacement therapies on your hospital formularies**

- **If confirm, please list (i) the relevant therapies included on your formularies, (ii) the first-line therapy recommended and (iii) the main form of treatment received by patients**

Confirm. The main form is nicotine inhalator.

Request 3:

- **Please confirm or deny if you have on-site shops selling a) licensed nicotine-replacement therapies, b) unlicensed quitting aids and c) e-cigarettes**

Deny. We do not sell any nicotine-replacement products.

Request 4:

- **Please confirm or deny if you have policies in place to implement NICE guideline PH48, *Smoking: acute, maternity and mental health services*, with regards to recommendations for:**
 - a. **Ensuring immediate access to stop smoking pharmacotherapies and a range of licensed nicotine-replacement therapies for patients who smoke**
 - b. **Ensuring the sale of stop smoking pharmacotherapies and licensed nicotine-replacement therapies in hospital shops**
 - c. **Ensuring care pathways deliver continuity between hospital and primary care stop smoking services (including any referral pathways)**
 - d. **Encouraging patients using unlicensed quitting aids to switch to licensed quitting aids**
- **If confirm for any of the above, please share the current policy**

Confirm. Please see attached our Smoke Free Policy and Nicotine Replacement Therapy Policy.

Request 5:

- **Please provide your annual budget for stop smoking support a) in total, b) on stop smoking services and c) on licensed quitting aids for (i) 2015/16, (ii) 2016/17, (iii) 2017/18, (iv) 2018/19 and (v) 2019/20.**

We do not have a specified budget. As explained under Request 1 we are not commissioned to provide stop smoking services.

Request 6:

- **Please confirm or deny if there are any requirements from your local CCG to ration treatment options for people who smoke; if confirm, please provide details**

Deny. There are **NO** requirements from our local CCGs to ration treatment.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

**Sue Smith
Information Rights Officer**

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

