

Freedom of Information Request – 4828

On behalf of the PAGB (Proprietary Association of Great Britain) NRT group, I wish to make a series of separate requests under the Freedom of Information Act. For convenience, I am including them in the same email. Please treat each as a separate request under the terms of the Act, although please do respond in one correspondence if convenient. The requests are as follows:

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.** *N/A – service provided by East Coast Community Healthcare at <https://www.ecch.org/>*
 - **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** *N/A*
 - **If deny, please confirm or deny if you have access to an on-site stop smoking service.** *No*

Request 2:

- **Please confirm or deny if you have a) pharmacotherapies and b) licensed nicotine-replacement therapies on your hospital formularies.** *Yes*
 - **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**
 - i. Pharmacotherapy on the formulary: Varenicline, NRT on the formulary: Nicotine Transdermal patches, chewing gum, sublingual tablets, inhalator, lozenges, oromucosal spray, nasal spray*
 - ii. Support from local stop smoking services + Varenicline or NRT*
 - iii. NRT – Transdermal patches*

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.** *No*

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 –**
N/A
 - b. **Ensuring the sale of stop smoking pharmacotherapies and licensed nicotine-replacement therapies in hospital shops**
N/A
 - c. **Ensuring care pathways deliver continuity between hospital and primary care stop smoking services (including any referral pathways)**
Yes – see attached
 - d. **Encouraging patients using unlicensed quitting aids to switch to licensed quitting aids**
No
- **If confirm for any of the above, please share the current policy - *attached***

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**
N/A

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**
No – the Stop Smoking Service provided via ECCH likely to have prescribing guidance that included appropriate quantities.