



Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-124

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Date: 17th June 2019

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 4th June 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding stop smoking services.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 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)**
- 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

A1 We are not commissioned to provide stop smoking services. However the Royal University Hospital have access to services on site by a provider commissioned by Public Health Stoke. We have no inpatient service at County Hospital.

Information may be held by: Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, they can be contacted at the following email address; enquiries@mpft.nhs.uk

Q2 Request 2:

Please confirm or deny if you have:

- a) pharmacotherapies**
- b) and 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**
- (iii) the main form of treatment received by patients**

- A2 Please see below:
- i) Therapies included on the North Staffordshire Joint Formulary are
Second line: Bupropion hydrochloride as part of a smoking cessation programme only if NRT ineffective, not tolerated or inappropriate.
Second line: Varenicline (Champix®) as part of a smoking cessation programme only if NRT ineffective, not tolerated or inappropriate.
 - ii) First line: Nicotine replacement therapy as part of a smoking cessation programme or during inpatient stay only.
 - iii) The main form of treatment received by patients is NRT Patches and PRN NRT Lozenges/gums for craving

Q3 Request 3:

Please confirm or deny if you have on-site shops selling:

- a) Licensed nicotine-replacement therapies,
- b) Unlicensed quitting aids
- c) e-cigarettes

- A3 These products are not permitted to be sold on Trust premises, however Lloyds Pharmacy provide for outpatient prescriptions and they can supply if required.

Q4 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

- A4 Please see below:

a. Ensuring immediate access to stop smoking pharmacotherapies and a range of licensed nicotine-replacement therapies for patients who smoke	Yes
b. Ensuring the sale of stop smoking pharmacotherapies and licensed nicotine-replacement therapies in hospital shops	Yes – Lloyds however, Shops on site do not have these available
c. Ensuring care pathways deliver continuity	Yes

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	This is currently not undertaken by the Trust but would be undertaken by the staff in the service commissioned by Public Health

Please note that this Policy is not held by UHNM, information may be held by Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, they can be contacted at the following email address; enquiries@mpft.nhs.uk

Q5 Request 5:

Please provide your annual budget for stop smoking support:

- a) In total,
- b) On stop smoking services
- c) On licensed quitting aids for:
 - (i) 2015/16
 - (ii) 2016/17
 - (iv) 2017/18
 - (v) 2018/19
 - (vi) 2019/20

A5 Information not held by UHNM, information may be held by Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, they can be contacted at the following email address; enquiries@mpft.nhs.uk

Q6 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

A6 There are no requirements from our local CCG to ration treatment options for people who smoke.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

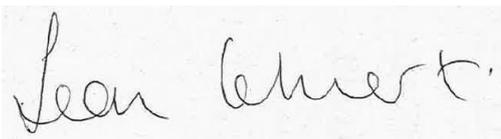
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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