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Subject: Stop smoking services

REQUEST

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
 - 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

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

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

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

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

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

Public interest arguments

There is a clear public interest for disclosure of this information, in that disclosure will:

- Further the understanding of and participation in the public debate of issues of the day, and will allow a more informed debate of issues under consideration by public bodies
- Promote accountability and transparency by public authorities for decisions taken by them
- Allow individuals to understand decisions made by public authorities affecting their lives
- Bring to light information on the availability of smoking cessation services across NHS Trusts

RESPONSE

No