

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002710
Date 31 August 2018

Commissioned Stop Smoking Service

Request:

I would like to please request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Please confirm whether as part of your commissioned stop smoking service, stop smoking aids are available for service users through:

- a. Voucher scheme for nicotine replacement therapy (NRT)

Yes

- b. Patient group direction (PGD) for varenicline

Yes

2. How many stop smoking aid items have been dispensed via (a) voucher scheme for NRT and (b) PGD for varenicline in years 2016-17 and 2017-18, if applicable?

In respect of question 2, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as archived NRT/Varenicline activity relates to financial value only. We no longer hold a licence to retrieve activity reports therefore will be unable to provide a breakdown in terms of activity numbers.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

3. Please outline how long the voucher scheme for NRT and PGD for varenicline have been running for, if applicable.

Voucher scheme from 31.07.13 until 31.03.18

PGD for Varenicline – unknown start date to 31.03.18

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