

Announcement of methodological change to Statistics on NHS Stop Smoking Services in England.

This announcement covers all reports from Q1 (April 2014 to June 2014) onwards.

This methodological change notice states the amendments made to the above publication. These changes reflect the changes in the monitoring return used to collect data from Local Authorities on their NHS Stop Smoking Services and affect tables in the report covering the following:

- Pharmacotherapy treatment received (part 1F of the monitoring return)
- Intervention setting (part 1H of the monitoring return)
- Financial information on smoking cessation services (part 2A of the monitoring return).

The changes to these three sections are as follows:

Pharmacotherapy treatment received

Pharmacotherapy treatments prior to 2014/15 were:

- Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) only
- Bupropion (Zyban) only
- Varenicline (Champix) only
- Both NRT and Bupropion (Zyban) either concurrently or consecutively
- NRT and Varenicline (Champix) consecutively
- Did not receive NRT or Bupropion (Zyban) or Varenicline (Champix)
- Treatment option not known

Pharmacotherapy treatments from 2014/15 onwards are:

- Single licensed nicotine containing product (NCP)
- A combination of licensed nicotine containing products concurrently
- Bupropion (Zyban) only
- Varenicline (Champix) only
- A licensed NCP and/or Bupropion (Zyban) and/or Varenicline (Champix) consecutively
- A combination of a licensed medication and an unlicensed NCP concurrently
- A combination of a licensed medication and an unlicensed NCP consecutively
- An unlicensed NCP only
- Did not use any licensed medication or unlicensed NCP
- Treatment option not known

Intervention setting

Settings prior to 2014/15	Settings from 2014/15 onwards
Dental Practice	Dental
Hospital Ward	Hospital
Military Base	Military Base
Pharmacy	Pharmacy
Primary Care	General Practice
Prison	Prison
Stop Smoking Services	Community
	Community Psychiatric
	Psychiatric Hospital
	Maternity
	Children's Centre
	School
	Workplace

Financial Information

Financial information prior to 2014/15 was:

- LA allocation for smoking cessation for year
- Other monies allocated to smoking cessation, including any underspend carried over from the previous year

Financial information from 2014/15 onwards is:

- LA allocation for smoking cessation for year (excluding pharmacotherapies)
- Total cost of pharmacotherapies issued as part of this service for the year.
- Other monies allocated to smoking cessation, including any underspend carried over from the previous year

These changes will affect time series data for Pharmacotherapy treatment received and Intervention setting as these data will not be comparable with previous years. These changes will be reported in the Data Quality Statement and footnotes for the tables affected, as well as in the main body of the report.

The aim of these changes is to provide a more accurate picture of current service provision in relation to pharmacotherapy treatment received, intervention setting and financial information.