

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 24-750**

16 October 2024

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

**1. Does the trust provide access to, or cover the cost of, any regular external training related to the latest smoking cessation best practice for doctors, nurses, clinicians and other medical personnel?**

No

**2. Does the trust deliver any regular in-house training related to the latest smoking cessation best practice for doctors, nurses, clinicians and other medical personnel?**

Yes. e-learning package.

**3. Please confirm how often relevant medical personnel are expected/required to refresh their training on smoking cessation support.**

One-off training.

**4. Does the trust deliver any training/guidance for medical personnel on the following smoking cessation tools/interventions?**

- Nicotine gums - yes
- Nicotine patches - yes
- Tablets, oral strips and lozenges - yes
- Nasal and mouth sprays - Yes
- Vaping products - Yes

**5. Does the trust operate or support any stop smoking services?**

No. There is sign-posting to external/local NHS support services.

**6. If answered 'yes' to the above, please provide detail of the total funding for the stop smoking service/services for the periods:**

- 2022/2023

- 2023/2024

- 2024/2025

Not applicable

**7. What is the trust's policy on recommending vaping products as a tool to help adults cut down on or quit smoking?**

As per the training: "E-cigarettes and vaping are not licensed for smoking cessation. Please make sure if using that they comply with consumer protection legislation".

**In your response, please confirm whether we have permission to reuse the information provided as part of this Freedom of Information request for news/reporting purposes, and as part of communications with the government, civil servants, industry peers, key stakeholders, and the general public. We will assume that we have permission to use the information in these ways unless you explicitly advise us otherwise in your response. I am unsure if I can agree to this - please can the FOI advise on our position on this.**

Yes

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer  
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely

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