Reference: FOI0221



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)
- b. Patient group direction (PGD) for varenicline
- 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?
- 3. Please outline how long the voucher scheme for NRT and PGD for varenicline have been running for, if applicable.

Response:

Smoking aids are available for service users through:

- a. Voucher Scheme for nicotine replacement therapy (NRT)
- b. Patient group direction (PGD) for varenicline.

In 2016/17 4866 aids were dispensed via a voucher scheme for NRT. In 2017/18 3391 aids were dispensed via a voucher scheme for NRT

In 2016/17 2182 aids were dispensed via a PGD for varenicline. In 2017/18 1895 aids were dispensed via a PGD for varenicline.

The Voucher Scheme for nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) and the Patient group direction (PGD) for varenicline have both been running since July 2015.

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