



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.