



Reference: RFI 1705006

Request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information from your council:

- 1) How much money is invested via council-operated pension funds in tobacco companies? I would like this information broken down by year for the past five financial years (2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17); and broken down by tobacco companies.

For example: "2012/13 British American Tobacco £24,550"

North Tyneside Council does not hold this information the applicant would need to ask the question of Tyne and Wear pensions which is administered by South Tyneside Council and any other pension scheme such as Teachers Pension Agency.

- 2) The level of funding for 'Stop Smoking' services provided by the council, over the previous five financial years (as above 2012-2017). For example: "2012/13 £1.26m" Does the council intend to continue running the Stop Smoking service in future years? I would appreciate just a short answer to this question indicating when, if at all, the service is due to end, and any further information on whether elements of the service are being maintained, e.g. for pregnant women.

Yes North Tyneside Council is intending to continue to commission a stop smoking service for residents and will continue to prioritise pregnant women, those suffering poor mental health and those with long term conditions.

The table below shows the actual expenditure incurred in relation to Stop Smoking Services from 2013/14 – Public Health funding was held by the PCT prior to this, and so there was no expenditure incurred directly by North Tyneside Council in 2012/13.

Year	Expenditure
2013/14	£0.364m
2014/15	£0.513m
2015/16	£0.634m
2016/17	£0.238m

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