

CORE OFFER BUDGET FOR STOP SMOKING SERVICE AND INTERVENTIONS REGULATIONS

WHY DOES THE COUNCIL HAVE TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE AND WHAT DOES IT NEED TO COVER?

Section 12 Health and Social Care Act 2012 outlines duty for all upper-tier and unitary local authorities in England to take appropriate steps to improve the health of the people who live in their areas. Section 12 of the Act lists some of the steps to improve public health that local authorities and the Secretary of State are able to take, including:

- Duty to improve health on behalf of Secretary of State
- Provision of health improvement information and advice, providing facilities for the prevention or treatment of illness.
- Service provides one to one support for smokers to quit through a series of contracts with GPs and Pharmacies in Darlington.
- Includes the cost of universal provision of Nicotine Replacement Therapy via a voucher scheme.

HOW DOES THE CORE OFFER BUDGET MEET THE COUNCIL'S OBLIGATIONS?

The core offer budget will continue to meet the Council's obligations to provide support for smokers to quit and tobacco control.

DOES THIS DIFFER FROM THE CURRENT SERVICE?

Yes, the current service is as follows:

Stop Smoking Services: The current services are universal provision, accessible by anyone living, working or visiting in the Borough who wishes to stop smoking. Following a service review and needs assessment, it is proposed that provision is remodelled. The focus of the new model will be to address health inequalities in priority, and vulnerable, groups including pregnant women and routine manual workers.

FRESH North East (DBC contribution): It is also proposed that the Council terminates its' contribution to the FRESH North East Tobacco Office. This will restrict participation in health and awareness prevention campaigns and require an alternative source to be identified for provision of local, regional and national performance information and policy updates.

Web Based Management System: This relates to the Quitmanager I.T. system, and associated support, that provides a database to input, collect and monitor activity relating to the commissioned Stop Smoking Service provision. This enables efficient and effective performance management, facilitating provision of valuable needs assessment and contract data.

WHAT IS THE CORE BUDGET MADE UP OF?

From 2019-20, the proposed core budget will constitute the following:

Stop Smoking Services	£40,000
Web Based Management System	£6,000
Overheads	£1,451
Total	£47,451