



Reference: RFI 1711068

**Request:**

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from the local authority regarding the commissioning of smoking cessation services in your area:

Please provide the information asked for in the following questions:

- If a smoking cessation service were to be commissioned in your area would it be your responsibility. If not, whose? Yes
- Do you currently commission smoking cessation services from community pharmacies in your area? Yes

If yes:

- How many individual community pharmacies do you commission a smoking cessation service from in your area? Currently as of October 2017 the number is 27
- What is the annual value of the commissioning contracts with community pharmacies in your area? 2015/16 & 2016/17  
See table below
- What was the value of the contracts with community pharmacies in your area in 2013/14 & 2014/15?
- The total expenditure incurred by North Tyneside Council for smoking cessation services provided by pharmacies is shown in the table below

Year	Expenditure
2013/14	£36,366
2014/15	£70,316
2015/16	£164,972
2016/17	£230,326

- Are there any plans to decommission, or reduce, smoking cessation services in your area in the next 12 months? NO

If no:

- In the last three years have smoking cessation services been decommissioned from community pharmacies in your area? If so, when and why? Yes from some specific community pharmacies who have either chosen no longer to provide the service or as a result of poor performance (based on a quit rate below 35%)
- Do you commission the service to be delivered from another provider (other than a community pharmacy)? If so, which type of organisation? NO

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