

NICE GUIDANCE PH48 TOOLKIT

DOCUMENT 7: ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION

Implementing a successful Smokefree policy is complex, as is assessing efficacy of the measures taken to implement. Strong on-going commitment is vital to maintain and reinforce progress, and bring about the cultural change necessary.

Implementing a successful Smokefree policy will take time to embed, and requires input from a range of partners. When the policy is initially implemented, it will require ongoing work from the Trust to maintain a high level of compliance. Therefore, the Trust will need resources for assessing the efficacy of the policy.

This section of the Toolkit aims to provide some essential measures Trusts should take to provide evidence of success. In addition there are suggested local measures which can help provide a more complete picture, thus informing practice and highlighting areas for development.

NATIONAL MEASUREMENTS

CLear Deep Dive on Acute and Maternity Settings – recommended to be completed biennially

CLear is a system led improvement tool for tobacco control, initially developed by ASH and partners, and now managed by PHE. It enables localities to score themselves against established standards of good practice such as NICE guidance. It is designed to highlight strengths and areas for development, to inform local improvement plans.

The original **CLear** tool covered the breadth of tobacco control work, but a review in November 2017 created additional “deep dive” tools to look in more detail at specific elements of tobacco control, namely:

- Smoking & pregnancy
- Smoking & mental health,
- Smoking and acute settings
- Tackling illicit tobacco

It is recommended that **ALL** Trusts use the appropriate tool which can be accessed below looking for the link as highlighted. The accompanying Power Point presentation provides more detailed explanation. An example of the spidergraph which the tool will enable Trusts to produce is also provided.

www.gov.uk/government/publications/clear-local-tobacco-control-assessment



NATIONAL CQUIN – PREVENTING ILL HEALTH THROUGH RISKY BEHAVIOURS – REPORTING COMPLETED QUARTERLY

National CQUIN targets are set to measure smoking interventions by recording **V**ery **B**rief **A**dvice (VBA). This evidence-based approach as recommended by NICE can take as little as 30 seconds and consists of three A's namely:

Ask – and record smoking status

Advice – the best thing to do is stop smoking, the best way to do that is through support from stop smoking services

Act – on the response to advice given and arrange medication for temporary abstinence and referral

To access the CQUIN guide and supporting e-learning package, click the link below.

www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/CQUIN-Guidance-1920-080319.pdf

SUGGESTED LOCAL MEASURES

The table below provides a list of measures which all help to build a picture of the impact and effectiveness of implementing a Smokefree policy. It is acknowledged that feasibility of reporting on these measures will be dictated by the availability of systems which can effectively collect the data needed.

Clinical measures	
Smoking attributable admissions	Baseline and annually thereafter
Patient and staff smoking prevalence	Baseline and annually thereafter
Numbers of staff trained. Access toolkit document 12b - Training plan here.	Quarterly
Referral numbers to in-house Smokefree support	Monthly
Referral numbers to Stop Smoking Services	Monthly
CO validation (depending on length of hospital stay). Access toolkit document 11 – CO monitoring crib sheet here. 72 hours after admission : 4 weeks : on discharge	Quarterly
Offer and access to NRT within 20 minutes of admission. Access toolkit document 8 – NRT example procedure here.	Quarterly
Pharmacotherapy spend per clinical area	Quarterly



Pharmacotherapy dispensed at discharge with accompanying printed recommendation letter for follow-on supply from GP or Stop Smoking Service	Quarterly
Number of staff supported with quit attempt	Quarterly
Number of staff supported with temporary abstinence	Quarterly
Compliance Measures	
Untoward incidents relating to smoking	Quarterly
Complaints	Quarterly
Environmental audits including litter and hotspot identification	Quarterly
Disciplinary action	Quarterly
Fixed penalty notices issued	Quarterly