

FOI 0127/2024 Request

I refer to the following publications by NICE, Public Health England, and the National Centre for Smoking Cessation (NCSCT) which were published between 2013 and 2016:

- a) NICE PH48 "Smoking cessation in secondary care: acute, maternity and mental health services" published in 2013
- b) NCSCT (in partnership with Public Health England) "Local Stop Smoking Services – Service and delivery guidance" published in 2014
- c) NCSCT 'Smoking Cessation and Mental Health: A briefing for front-line staff' published in 2015
- d) Public Health England 'Introducing self-assessment for NICE guidance smoking cessation in secondary care: mental health settings (PH48) - A practical guide to using the self-assessment model' published in 2015.
- e) Public Health England "'Smokefree mental health services in England – Implementation document for providers of mental health services'" published in 2016

I would be very grateful if you would provide the following information about the implementation of the above recommendations by your trust:

1. Did the trust implement mandatory training?

We do not have mandatory smoking cessation training.

However we do have:

- Mandatory E-learning training via our Learning zone training platform, which offers very brief advice only. This E-Learning is founded upon evidence-based behaviour change techniques and includes practical interventions that will make a significant difference to the chances of your clients becoming permanent ex-smokers.
- Alcohol and Tobacco Brief Intervention. This E-Learning is designed to explain why it is our responsibility as health professionals to provide brief interventions that will identify and promote change in smoking and alcohol use in hospital patients. It will also outline the evidence of effectiveness of Very Brief Advice on Smoking (VBA) and Alcohol Brief Advice.

In addition to this, the Trust's Lead Tobacco Dependency Advisor also provides face to face ad-hoc training in the wards covering assessments, Nicotine replacement therapy products and prescribing protocols. This is arranged with the ward managers however, depending on clinical activity, the attendance is very low.

2. When did the trust implement mandatory training?

N/A as mentioned above We do not have mandatory smoking cessation training

3. Which training provider(s) were used for mandatory training? i.e NCSCT or other (please specify which organisation)

Online modules from NCSCT and Elearning for Healthcare e-lfh.

The Trust's Lead Tobacco Dependency Advisor currently delivers full day training at Uffculme which is derived from the NCSCT modules. This is aimed at all clinical staff but more specifically for Smoke free leads/champions. This training is not mandatory.

4. Did the mandatory training include the effect of stopping smoking whilst taking clozapine and olanzapine which may cause possible toxicity/significant increase in side effects and require dose reductions and further monitoring?

The training carried out by the Trust's Lead Tobacco Dependency Advisor includes a section around the effect of stopping smoking whilst taking clozapine and olanzapine

The Trust is currently working a new comprehensive clozapine online training with the staff, we are currently adding it to the Learning Zone.