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Dear

RE: Smoking Cessation Prescribing

We appreciate practices have received various communications from the CCG, City of York Council and North Yorkshire County Council regarding the provision of smoking cessation services, in particular prescribing related to those products.

This is an update on the latest position of the 3 Local Authorities.

Public Health within the Local Authority are legally required and responsible for smoking cessation services within their localities. For Vale of York CCG we have the added complication of 3 Local Authorities: City of York Council, North Yorkshire County Council and East Riding of Yorkshire Council. **NHS Vale of York CCG does not have the responsibility to commission smoking cessation services** and hence has no authority on the service.

The 3 Local Authorities have separate commissioning positions on smoking cessation services as follows:

City of York Council

Beech Grove Medical Practice
Clifton Medical Practice
Dalton Terrace Surgery
East Parade Medical Practice
Elvington Medical Practice
Front Street Surgery
Gillygate Surgery



Haxby Group Practice
Jorvik Medical Practice
My Health Group
Petergate Surgery
Priory Medical Group
The Old School Medical Practice
The Surgery at 32 Clifton
Unity Health
York Medical Group
Jorvik Gillygate Practice
East Parade

CYC have stopped commissioning the Specialist Stop Smoking Service. From 1st April 2016 only specific groups of patients can be referred into the new service:

- Pregnant women. There is an established pathway with midwifery and this will continue with some modifications
- Patients who are engaged in 'Stop before your op'
- Patients who have a cancer diagnosis
- Patients with a diagnosis of serious respiratory disease e.g. COPD, asthma
- We will continue the pathway that is currently in place with York NHS Trust regarding patients who smoke and are being discharged with a long term condition e.g. Angina, Post MI or COPD.

CYC do not commission GP Practices to prescribe either NRT products, varenicline (Champix®) or bupropion (Zyban®) so please do not prescribe them on NHS prescriptions as we cannot be sure this cost will be reimbursed by CYC, and so risks falling on the CCG.

Full details of the CYC letter are available [here](#)

Any queries should be directed to yorkwellbeing@york.gcsx.gov.uk

North Yorkshire County Council

Beech Tree Surgery
Escrick Surgery
Helmsley Surgery
Kirkbymoorside Surgery
Millfield Surgery
Pickering Medical Practice
Posterngate Surgery
Scott Road Medical Centre
Sherburn Group Practice
South Milford Surgery
Stillington Surgery
Tadcaster Medical Centre
Terrington Surgery
Tollerton Surgery

NYCC now commission smoking cessation services from Solutions 4 Health (S4H). GP Practices are invited to sign up to this commissioned service.

NYCC have an agreed formulary for smoking cessation products, commissioned within Solutions 4 Health service, this list includes a wide-range of NRT and varenicline (Champix®).

The CCG support the stance of prescribers striving to adhere to the agreed formularies where possible and the agreed formularies will be uploaded on to OptimiseRx and the York/Scarborough net formulary webpage.

Full details of the NYCC letter are available [here](#)

Any queries should be directed to: Emma.Davis@northyorks.gov.uk

East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Pocklington Group Practice

ERYC do not commission any smoking cessation services from general practice. They do have access to smoking cessation advisors who patients can contact on 0800 9177752. ERYC do not commission GPs to prescribe any smoking products so please do not prescribe them on NHS prescriptions as we cannot be sure this cost will be reimbursed by them as this risks the costs falling on the CCG.

For more information click [here](#)

We are continuing to work with the Local Authorities regarding the smoking cessation services and will continue to update you.

Yours sincerely

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