

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000885 **Date** 15 February 2017

Nicotine Substitution Therapy

Request:

Notice of request for information - Freedom of Information Act 2000

I would be grateful if you would treat this correspondence as a formal request for disclosure of the following information, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("Fol").

Description of information sought:

- 1.) Please state how many people have signed up for nicotine substitution therapy since 2013?
 - a) Please break down the statistics for the years of 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

We can confirm that the department holds information that you have asked for in relation to the above. However, the information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it on our website via the following links:

http://content.digital.nhs.uk/catalogue/PUB14610 - 2013/14

http://content.digital.nhs.uk/searchcatalogue?productid=18388&q=statistics+on+stop +smoking+services&sort=Relevance&size=10&page=3#top - 2014/15

http://content.digital.nhs.uk/searchcatalogue?productid=21374&q=statistics+on+stop+smoking+services&sort=Relevance&size=10&page=1#top - 2015/16

http://content.digital.nhs.uk/searchcatalogue?q=statistics+on+stop+smoking+service s&sort=Relevance&size=10&page=1#top (April – Sept 2016: latest data available)

Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act exempts disclosure of information that is reasonably accessible by other means, and the terms of the exemption mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.

You can find out more about Section 21 by reading the extract from the Act, available at: http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21