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I am responding to your request for information received 4th June 2019. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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Information Governance Coordinator

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision. If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Request:

On behalf of the PAGB (Proprietary Association of Great Britain) NRT group, I wish to make a series of separate requests under the Freedom of Information Act. For convenience, I am including them in the same email. Please treat each as a separate request under the terms of the Act, although please do respond in one correspondence if convenient. The requests are as follows:

Request 1: Please confirm or deny if you are currently, or have been in any year since 2015-16, commissioned to provide stop smoking services

If confirm, please provide your allocated budget for a) this financial year (2019-20) and b) each of the previous years to 2015-16 that you have been commissioned to deliver the service

If deny, please confirm or deny if you have access to an on-site stop smoking service

Answer: No, the Trust has not been commissioned to provide stop smoking services. The Trust has three in-house stop smoking advisors; one for Forensics and Hackney, one for Bedfordshire and Luton and one for Tower Hamlets and Newham.

Request 2: Please confirm or deny if you have a) pharmacotherapies and b) licensed nicotine-replacement therapies on your hospital formularies

If confirm, please list:

- (i) the relevant therapies included on your formularies**
- (ii) the first-line therapy recommended**
- (iii) the main form of treatment received by patients**

Answer:

- (i)** The Trust has nicotine-replacement therapies apart from Gum preparations and both varenicline and bupropion
- (ii)** This is dependent on clinical circumstances and patient preference.
- (iii)** Nicotine-replacement therapies.

Request 3: Please confirm or deny if you have on-site shops selling a) licensed nicotine-replacement therapies, b) unlicensed quitting aids and c) e-cigarettes

Answer: The Trust does not have on-site shops selling licensed nicotine-replacement therapies and unlicensed quitting aids. The Trust has two shops/cafes selling e-cigarettes to in-patients in Newham and Forensics.

Request 4: Please confirm or deny if you have policies in place to implement NICE guideline PH48, Smoking: acute, maternity and mental health services, with regards to recommendations for:

- a. Ensuring immediate access to stop smoking pharmacotherapies and a range of licensed nicotine-replacement therapies for patients who smoke
- b. Ensuring the sale of stop smoking pharmacotherapies and licensed nicotine-replacement therapies in hospital shops
- c. Ensuring care pathways deliver continuity between hospital and primary care stop smoking services (including any referral pathways)
- d. Encouraging patients using unlicensed quitting aids to switch to licensed quitting aids

Answer:

- a. Yes, the Trust ensures immediate access to stop smoking pharmacotherapies and a range of licensed nicotine-replacement therapies for patients who smoke
- b. No, the Trust has not provided the sale of stop smoking pharmacotherapies and licensed nicotine-replacement therapies in hospital shops
- c. Yes, the Trust is signed up to the National Referral System which links patients who consent to their local stop smoking service and this is included in patient care plans.
- d. No, the Trust positively encourages the use of e-cigarettes and does not encourage patients away from e-cigarettes for reasons of license.

If confirm for any of the above, please share the current policy –
Please find the policy attached. Please note that a new policy is currently being prepared and is in the process of finalisation.

Request 5: Please provide your annual budget for stop smoking support a) in total, b) on stop smoking services and c) on licensed quitting aids for (i) 2015/16, (ii) 2016/17, (iii) 2017/18, (iv) 2018/19 and (v) 2019/20

Answer:

- a) The Trust does not have an annual stop smoking budget.
- b) The annual budget on smoking cessation advisors is £118,840.
- c) The NRT spend for the last five calendar years is as follows:

Year	Expenditure
2015	£21724.05
2016	£53719.00
2017	£42644.63
2018	£34805.60
2019	£22408.14

Request 6: Please confirm or deny if there are any requirements from your local CCG to ration treatment options for people who smoke; if confirm, please provide details

Answer: The Trust does not have any requirements from the local CCG to ration treatment options for people who smoke.

Public interest arguments

There is a clear public interest for disclosure of this information, in that disclosure will:

- **Further the understanding of and participation in the public debate of issues of the day, and will allow a more informed debate of issues under consideration by public bodies**
- **Promote accountability and transparency by public authorities for decisions taken by them**
- **Allow individuals to understand decisions made by public authorities affecting their lives**
- **Bring to light information on the availability of smoking cessation services across NHS Trusts**