

Statistics on NHS Stop Smoking Services: England Feedback from Users

Between July 2012 and October 2013 the Health and Social Care Information Centre received 3 comments/suggestions on the Statistics on NHS Stop Smoking Services: England publications through the 'Have your say' link available on the publication page and via the Contact Centre.

The comments were received from:

Private Sector 2

Other Health Organisation 1

When asked how useful the report was, the response was:

Very useful 2

Not at all useful 1

We have had feedback via the website from two users requesting that data on success rates be made available after the 4 week stage. One user wanted results at 8 and 12 weeks and the other at 52 weeks after the agreed quit date. The reasons for using a four week follow-up rather than a longer period of time are outlined on page 34 of the Local Stop Smoking Services: Service Delivery and Monitoring Guidance 2011/12, which the Department of Health publish:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-providing-and-monitoring-stop-smoking-services-2011-to-2012>

This information has been forwarded on to the customer.

We have also received feedback from a customer who got in touch with the contact centre. The user has asked that the entire dataset be made available to users so they can carry out their own analysis. We would first have to assess the Information Governance issues around potential identification of individuals, in particular the data relating to success rates in pregnant women. This is something we will look into when there is resource available.

The user also asked that information on all known intervention settings added to the collection form. At the moment around 4% of records are recorded as 'Other', which also has an effect on data quality. There are plans to add more categories to the intervention setting field to the collection form.

The user also asked that CO validation rates be made available for each intervention setting. This information is aggregated and is not part of the collection form so we are unable to provide this unless changes were made to the collection form.

A comment was made on how funding was allocated between the different settings. This is not something we currently collect data on. This comment was passed to Public Health England for consideration.