

Smoking Cessation programmes

Request

I have been informed by Leicester City Council that smoking cessation programmes within the Leicester City area are run by the Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust. Could you therefore please provide me with the following information:

- 1) Could you inform me for which councils you provide smoking cessation services.
- 2) The value of NRT vouchers issued on behalf of these councils and if possible the number of vouchers.
- 3) If possible, a breakdown of the value and number of vouchers, in item 2 above, according to the various types of NRT that are available. Below is a list of the possible types of NRT
 - Patches
 - Lozenges
 - Mini Lozenges
 - Gum
 - Inhalators
 - Sprays
 - Other

Our Response

1. Leicester City Council, Leicestershire County Council, Rutland County Council
2. and 3. We can confirm that we hold this information. However, it is being withheld as we believe the exemption under Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies to it, as disclosure would prejudice the commercial interests of this organisation. The current contract is due to expire and provision of these services will be going out to tender. The public interest has been considered and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.