

**North East Lincolnshire CCG**

Attachment

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| **Report to:** | NEL CCG Partnership Board |
| **Presented by:** | Isobel Duckworth Consultant in Public Health |
| **Date of Meeting:** | 13th November 2014 |
| **Subject:** | NHS Statement of Support for Tobacco Control |
| **Status:** | OPEN  CLOSED |
| **Agenda Section:** | STRATEGY  COMMISSIONING OPERATIONAL ISSUES |

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| **OBJECT OF REPORT** |  |
| This report is proposing that North East Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group become signatories to the NHS Statement of Support for Tobacco Control. | |

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| **STRATEGY** |  |
| The actions proposed in this report willhelp to reduce smoking in the local population and contribute to the priority outcome that “All people in North East Lincolnshire enjoy good health and well being”. It makes in particular a contribution to reducing poor health in our least affluent communities where the high prevalence of smoking is the principal cause of health inequalities.  It acknowledges that CCG’s play a major role in commissioning services that provide information, support and advice to smokers to help them understand the risks to health from smoking and the benefits of quitting. Midwives, for example, play a key role in motivating pregnant women to quit smoking during their pregnancy and refer all smokers to Stop Smoking Services. Other specialty health services do not as yet have robust processes in place to identify and refer smokers to Stop Smoking Services. | |

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| **IMPLICATIONS** |  |
| There are no additional financial or staffing implications in the CCG agreeing to become signatories to this NHS Statement of Support for Tobacco Control.  The Statement of Support is required to be signed by the Chair of the Health and Well Being Board, the Director of Public Health and a nominated representative from the CCG.  It is supported by a wide range of organisations including [Public Health England](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england) ,[NHS England](http://www.smokefreeaction.org.uk/declaration/files/NHS/LetterNHSEngland.pdf), [UK Faculty of Public Health](http://www.fph.org.uk/), [Care Quality Commission](http://www.smokefreeaction.org.uk/declaration/files/NHS/LetterCQC.pdf), [Royal College of Physicians](https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/), [BMA Board of Science](http://bma.org.uk/about-the-bma/how-we-work/professional-activities-and-special-interest/board-of-science), [Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health](http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/) and the [Royal College of General Practitioners](http://www.rcgp.org.uk/) | |

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| **RECOMMENDATIONS (R) AND ACTIONS (A) FOR AGREEMENT**  **Agreed?** | | |
| A | That North East Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group  agree to become signatories to the NHS Statement of Support |  |
| A | That the CCG publicise its signing of the Statement of Support for tobacco control and make staff aware of its commitment |  |
| R | That compliance with relevant NICE Guidance on smoking and tobacco control is regularly monitored through commissioned service contracts |  |

|  |  | **Yes/No** | **Comments** |
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|  | Does the document take account of and meet the requirements of the following: |  |  |
| i) | Mental Capacity Act | Yes |  |
| ii) | CCG Equality Impact Assessment | Yes |  |
| iii) | Human Rights Act 1998 | Yes |  |
| iv) | Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 | Yes |  |
| v) | Freedom of Information Act 2000 / Data Protection Act 1998 | Yes |  |
| iv) | Does the report have regard of the principles and values of the NHS Constitution?  [www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\_113613](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_113613) | Yes |  |

NHS Statement of Support for Tobacco Control

Additional Information

* 1. Smoking prevalence in North East Lincolnshire is reducing but we still have one of the highest smoking rates in the country. There is a wide variation between wards where the proportion of adult smokers ranges from 14% to 42%. This results in smoking being the biggest contributor to health inequalities in the local area. The proportion of women who smoke during pregnancy is reducing but we are still one of the 20 areas in the country with a smoking in pregnancy rate at or above 20%.
  2. In October 2014, North East Lincolnshire Council signed the Local Authority Declaration on Tobacco Control which is a commitment by the Council to take comprehensive action to address the harm from smoking. The Declaration was publicised at the “Making Smoking History “ event on 14th October 2014 at Grimsby Town Football Club.
  3. The NHS Statement of Support for Tobacco Control acknowledges that :-
* Smoking is the single greatest cause of premature death and disease in our communities;
* Reducing smoking in our communities significantly increases household incomes and benefits the local economy;
* Reducing smoking amongst the most disadvantaged in our communities is the single most important means of reducing health inequalities;
* Smoking is an addiction largely taken up by children and young people; two thirds of smokers start before the age of 18;
* The illicit trade in tobacco funds the activities of organised criminal gangs and gives children access to cheap tobacco
  1. Becoming a signatory to the NHS Statement commits the CCG to :-
* Actively support work at a local level to reduce smoking prevalence and health inequalities and to raise the profile of the harm caused by smoking to our communities;
* Publicly declare a commitment to reducing smoking in our communities by joining the Smokefree Action Coalition, the alliance of organisations working to reducing the harm caused by tobacco;
* Work with partners and local communities to address the causes and impacts of tobacco use, according to NICE guidance on smoking and tobacco control;
* Play a role in tackling smoking through appropriate interventions such as ‘Make Every Contact Count’;
* Protect work of the CCG from the commercial and vested interests of the tobacco industry by not accepting any partnerships, payments, gifts and services, monetary or in kind or research funding offered by the tobacco industry to officials or employees;
* Support the government in taking action at national level to help local authorities reduce smoking prevalence and health inequalities in our communities; and
* Participate in local and regional networks for support.
  1. A copy of the NHS Statement of Support for Tobacco Control is attached.

