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## Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

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### Information requested:

To whom it may concern,

I wanted to source the information below related to smoking cessation. If you are able to respond to these questions it would be greatly appreciated.

If it is possible to provide the information requested broken down by NHS Trust within the allotted timeframe for responding to these requests it would be great, otherwise the aggregate figures would be fine.

If we need to resubmit the request to an alternate body please do let me know. If you need any additional information or clarifications please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Q1. How many children between the ages of 12-18 have been given smoking cessation treatments by the NHS in Wales over the last three years?**

	2016	2017	2018
Those aged under 12			
Aged 12			
Aged 13			
Aged 14			
Aged 15			

Aged 16			
Aged 17			
Aged 18			

**Q2. Please provide a breakdown of the types of cessation aids prescribed to children by the NHS in Wales over the last three years:**

	2016	2017	2018
Nicotine replacement therapy			
Varenicline (Champix)			
Bupropion (Zyban)			
E-cigarettes			
Other (please specify)			

### **Information provided for the answer:**

Below is a breakdown by age of young persons supported by the Public Health Wales Stop Smoking Wales Service, by Health Board area of residence, by year. This data is from the Stop Smoking Wales service only and does not represent the totality of treatment provided by the 'NHS in Wales' as per request. GPs, community pharmacists, and possibly some secondary care services may have provided treatment too, but we do not have access to this data.

Please note that we have included data on 'treated smokers' - these are defined as individuals who have attended at least 1 treatment session (that follows an initial assessment session) and have set a quit date, this definition is in line with Russell Standard (Clinical) guidance for the type of services we operate. Hopefully this matches the expectation of your enquiry.

In relation to the second question, Public Health Wales does not prescribe cessation aids. CYP can/do access pharmacotherapy via their GP or community pharmacist, to go alongside behavioural support that cessation services offer.

**Numbers of children and young people classed as 'treated smokers', by Stop Smoking Wales, 2016-2018, by age, by Health Board**

SSW TREATED SMOKERS 2016								
	ABMUHB	Aneurin Bevan HB	BCUHB	Cardiff & Vale	Cwm Taf HB	Hywel Dda	Powys HB	Grand Total
<b>Under 12</b>	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	3
<b>12</b>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>13</b>	2	0	4	1	1	0	0	8
<b>14</b>	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	6
<b>15</b>	8	0	4	0	0	0	1	13
<b>16</b>	5	2	4	0	2	0	2	15
<b>17</b>	2	1	5	2	0	2	1	13
<b>18</b>	5	6	4	3	1	3	1	23
<b>Grand Total</b>	24	11	22	7	6	7	5	82

SSW TREATED SMOKERS 2017								
	ABMUHB	Aneurin Bevan HB	BCUHB	Cardiff & Vale	Cwm Taf HB	Hywel Dda	Powys HB	Grand Total
<b>Under 12</b>	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
<b>12</b>	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>13</b>	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
<b>14</b>	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3
<b>15</b>	3	2	9	0	1	0	0	15
<b>16</b>	3	1	0	0	2	1	0	7
<b>17</b>	2	2	1	3	0	0	0	8
<b>18</b>	4	3	5	1	1	5	0	19
<b>Grand Total</b>	12	10	18	4	7	6	0	57

SSW TREATED SMOKERS 2018								
	ABMUHB	Aneurin Bevan HB	BCUHB	Cardiff & Vale	Cwm Taf HB	Hywel Dda	Powys HB	Grand Total
<b>Under 12</b>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>12</b>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1

<b>13</b>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>14</b>	1	0	5	0	0	1	0	7
<b>15</b>	0	2	2	2	0	4	0	10
<b>16</b>	3	1	2	2	1	0	1	10
<b>17</b>	1	6	1	0	1	2	0	11
<b>18</b>	0	2	4	3	0	2	1	12
<b>Grand Total</b>	5	13	15	7	2	9	2	53

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