



# Department of Health

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Dear Rob

I am writing to provide a Direction to NHS Digital, formerly known as the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) and hereafter referred to as NHS Digital, to establish and operate an informatics system for the collection of data from local stop smoking services.

This Direction is given in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 254(1) and (6), 260, 261, and 304(9), (10) and (12) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (the Act)<sup>1</sup>.

In accordance with section 254(2)(a) of the Act, the information which could be obtained by complying with the direction is information which it is necessary or expedient for the Secretary of State to have in relation to the exercise by the Secretary of State of the Secretary of State's functions in connection with the provision of health services or of adult social care in England.

This Direction is to be known as the Local Stop Smoking Services Dataset Direction, and comes into force on 1 March 2017. The Direction will cover the collection of data from upper tier local authorities in respect of their stop smoking services.

Under section 254 of the 2012 Act, NHS Digital is required to:

- Collect aggregate data from local authority stop smoking services on a quarterly basis. (See Annex 1 for full list of data items to be collected)
- Validate and analyse the data, and publish an Official Statistics report.

Please accept this letter as a direction given under subsection (1) of section 254 of the 2012 Act to the NHS Digital to exercise the functions in relation to the informatics system for the collection of data from local authority stop smoking services. The purpose of the data collection is to support the Secretary of State for Health's commitment to reduce smoking and to demonstrate the success of local stop smoking services, and to populate local and regional tobacco datasets. NHS Digital will have regard to and comply with the Directions to NHS Digital to process Type 2 objections.

In accordance with section 254(5) of the Act, NHS Digital has been consulted before this Direction has been given.

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<sup>1</sup> 2012 c.7

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Davies". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Director name Mark Davies

Director title: Director of Population Health

## **Annex 1 – List of Data Items to be Collected**

Number setting a quit date by gender and ethnic group

Number successively quit by gender and ethnic group

Number setting a quit date by gender and age group

Number successively quit by gender and age group

Number who had not quit by gender and age group

Number not known or lost to follow up by gender and age group

Number successfully quit where non-smoking status confirmed by CO validation by gender and age group

Number of pregnant women setting a quit date

Number of pregnant women successively quit

Number of pregnant women who had not quit

Number of pregnant women not known or lost to follow up

Number of pregnant women successfully quit where non-smoking status confirmed by CO validation

Number setting a quit date on free prescriptions

Number successively quit on free prescriptions

Number setting a quit date by socio-economic classification

Number successively quit by socio-economic classification

Number setting a quit date by pharmacotherapy treatment received

Number successively quit by pharmacotherapy treatment received

Number setting a quit date by intervention type

Number successively quit by intervention type

Number setting a quit date by socio-economic classification

Number successively quit by socio-economic classification

Allocation for smoking cessation for year excluding pharmacotherapies

Cumulative spend on delivery of stop smoking services to the end of the quarter

Total cost of pharmacotherapies issued as part of this service for the year to the end of the quarter

Other monies allocated to smoking cessation to the end of the quarter