

# Why smoking still matters: helping all people who smoke in south London quit for good





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smoking kills ~200
people every day

 Every day of continued smoking reduces average of life expectancy by 4-6 hours



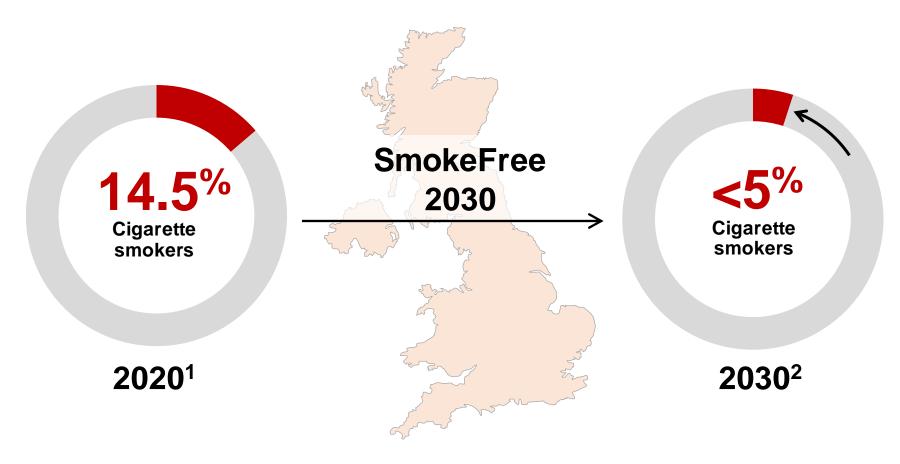


### Overview

- National smokefree goal and what this means for people in South London?
- Treating people who are dependant on tobacco smoking what can you expect if you are admitted to one of our local hospitals
- People's experiences of local tobacco dependence treatment



### 'Smokefree' ambition





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## Higher smoking rates experienced by

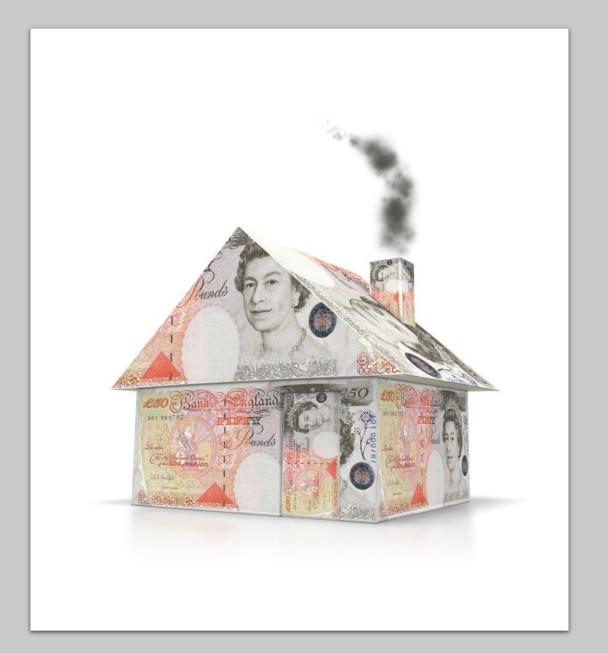
- People with lower incomes
- Mixed ethnicity vs other
- No educational qualification vs degree
- Lone parents
- LGBT people





## Smoking is linked to poverty and housing

- >1 million people, including 250,000 children, **live in poverty** due to tobacco addiction
- Smoking prevalence is linked to housing:
- ~30% local authority housing renters
- 22% private renters
- 8% mortgage-free homeowners
- 78% without housing



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Borough	%	Number
Lewisham	17.5	49,704
Lambeth	17.2	61,860
Greenwich	16.7	41,200
Bexley	14.5	29,046
Southwark	16.2	49,262
Croydon	15.4	53,359
Merton	14.3	27,279
Sutton	14.2	24, 141
Kingston	13.8	23,785
Bromley	13.3	38,267
Wandsworth	13.1	44,933

People who smoke ~419,000





## Gap between people with and without mental illness who smoke in South London

Mental health conditions<sup>1</sup>

30-45%

In treatment for Substance use<sup>2</sup> 88%

Wider general population in South London<sup>1</sup>

15%

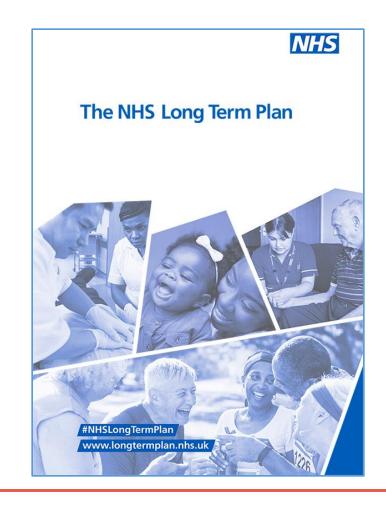


### The NHS has come along way.....



## NHS Long Term Plan

- A new service model for hospital and community care is planned with support for people who smoke playing a central role.
- By 2023/24,
  - all people admitted to hospital who smoke will be offered NHS-funded tobacco treatment services.
  - For long-term users of specialist mental health and learning disability services -
    - this will include the option for smokers to **switch to e-cigarettes** while in **inpatient settings**.





How CLAHRC and ARC have supported the implementation and evaluation of smokefree polices and tobacco dependence treatment across King's Health Partners NHS Foundation Trusts







Guy's & St Thomas'



Integrated systems approach to support **tobacco harm reduction** in South London & Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust (SLaM)



Collaborations between Addiction services in **SLaM** & Addictions Dept, **King's College London** 

#### **Improved infrastructure**

- Tobacco dependence treatment service 14 Specialist Tobacco Dependence Treatment Advisors in 4 hospital
- Compassionate smoke free policy informed by service users

#### **Treatment pathway**

- Access to evidence-based support during and after hospital stay
- Supportive policies to allow the use of e-cigarettes

#### **Staff training pathway**

- E-Learning
- Classroom based advanced skills training

#### Understanding & addressing barriers to implementation

e.g. Staff + service user concern about 1) lack of time to provide stop smoking support; 2) service users will not want to engage with support on offer; 3) violence will increase

## Evaluation of perceived barriers to implementation of smokefree polices and tobacco dependence support in SLaM



Demonstrated that staff could **free up clinical time** to support people to manage tobacco dependence by not supervising smoking (Time spent supervising smoking= 2 hours 23 mins a day)<sup>1</sup>



Made it easier to identify & record

smoking status - improved

2011=11%

2022=91%



**Uptake** of **support** to quit or temporarily abstain

2011=17%

2022=70%



More likely to **agree to support** if experience greater levels of deprivation; poor health & social functioning<sup>2</sup>



Overall **violence reduced** by 39% in the 12 months after the smokefree policy was introduced compared with 30 months before<sup>3</sup>



## Service user's experience



## Tobacco dependence treatment service in KCH & GSTT

(Ottawa Model of Smoking Cessation, OMSC)

~20% of patients admitted to local Acute hospitals currently smoke

An admission to hospital presents an important opportunity to start a conversation about smoking and provide support to quit

Pilot service (OMSC) started Jan 2020 in KCH & Sept 2019 in GSTT

Video originally filmed for SEL Population Health
Conference to demonstrate the work of the Vital 5





## Early findings from our evaluation

- Currently analysing data of ~2000 inpatients admitted between July '20-June '21
- The majority (75%- GSTT, 88% KCH) of patients took up offer of tobacco dependence treatment during their hospital stay
- KCH 17% smokefree 6 months after discharge

- 23 patient interviews about their experiences of tobacco dependence treatment
- "I was a bit delirious when I first went in, I was quite ill, I thought the last thing I needed is to have some patches" (Female patient, smoked for 30 years quit smoking)
- "While I was in hospital I hadn't smoked 3 days and I thought I might as well carry on. I never planned to go into hospital....I never planned to stop smoking" Male patient, smoked 25 years – quit smoking



### Summary

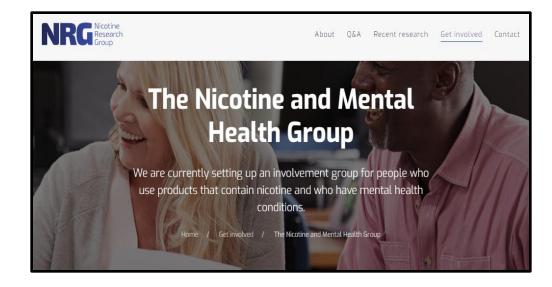
- Smoking is associated with inequalities in our local boroughs
- If you smoke and are admitted to one of King's Health Partners Hospitals, regardless of your medical or mental health condition, you should expect staff to offer you tobacco dependence treatment throughout your admission and after discharge.
- That support should be evidence based and compassionate
- Evaluation of the implementation of smokefree policies and tobacco dependence treatment in local Trusts suggest this is happening
- But we can always strive to do better......



### Future local research

- Evaluate implementation of tobacco dependence treatment in Mental health community mental health services
- Training of non health care workers (looking for collaborators)
- Effect of vaping compared with smoking on the health of people with severe mental health conditions
- Evaluating and refining local hospital tobacco dependence treatment services

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