

# HHIS Newsflash: Edition 11 – 31.07.2025

Thank you for your continued support to help Hertfordshire residents to stop smoking.



## **\*NEW\* Provider client referral page:**

HHIS will shortly be launching a new online referral page to allow clients to register for the Stop Smoking service with a HHIS commissioned provider of their choice. HHIS will share information on the pathway and process to follow, alongside asking commissioned providers to Opt In to participate. The aim is to promote client choice, heighten engagement and streamline referrals to providers delivering the service.

## **\*Action\* Annual Review Meetings:**

New dates are now available, please continue to book a 30-minute Annual Review MS Teams meeting for the Stop Smoking Service with Farzana using the following link: [Book time with Farzana Khan: Stop Smoking Service Annual Review Meeting](#)

If no appointments are convenient, please email Farzana directly to book a mutually convenient time.

## **\*NEW\* Provider Clinical Support Group: Quarterly Drop-in's for Pharmacy and Surgery Stop**

**Smoking Advisors:** HHIS are running drop-in sessions for Surgeries and Pharmacies that are commissioned to deliver Stop Smoking Services. Sessions are for 30 minutes, taking place over MS Teams. It is an opportunity for advisors to discuss any issues relating to delivering a Stop Smoking Service.

- 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025 12.30 – 13.00 [Join the meeting now](#)
- 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025 12.30 – 13.00 [Join the meeting now](#)
- 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025 12.30 – 13.00 [Join the meeting now](#)

**\*Final call to action\* Additional Activity Payment (AAP) Feedback Survey:** We are reaching out to all commissioned stop smoking providers to request your feedback on the £120 payment per successful quit. Your feedback will help us understand the impact the AAP is having on the delivery of the service. **Please complete the survey using the links below by 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025.**

- **Pharmacies:** <https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/AdditionalPaymentsPharmacies/>
- **GPs:** <https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/GPsAAPFeedback/>

## **\*Action\* Improving quit outcomes**

**training:** HHIS is delivering Stop Smoking Conversations Training consisting of **Brief Advice (BA) with Motivational Interviewing (MI)** skills to engage and introduce behaviour change with clients who are smoking or thinking about stopping. To register on the above trainings please click on the link: [Training Registration : Training Registration Survey](#)

## **\*Final call to action\* Zyban and Varenicline Training:**

**Zyban and Varenicline Training:** Any trained Level 2 Stop Smoking Advisors who were unable to attend HHIS Varenicline or Zyban training earlier this year are invited to attend Level 2 stop smoking training delivered on **12<sup>th</sup> August 2025** via MS Teams (it is optional to stay for full training). Alternatively, you can register on to one of our face-to-face update trainings. Please contact Farzana with any queries. To register on the above trainings please click on the link: [Training Registration : Training Registration Survey](#)

**Swap-to-Stop** is a pioneering government scheme to encourage one million smokers nationally to swap cigarettes for vapes to improve the health of the nation and cut smoking rates. If you have patients who are keen to make the swap to help them stop smoking this scheme will allow you to provide the option of vapes to support them. If you would like to participate in the Swap to Stop scheme or for further details, please contact Farzana for next steps.

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