

Action Plan for Cross Departmental Working Group on Smoking Statistics

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Action Plan

Aim	Progress
A. Coincide releases of smoking statistics	<p>1. June 2017 – co-ordinated release on the same day of Statistics on Smoking (NHS Digital), Adult Smoking Habits (ONS and PHE), Smoking Status at the Time of Delivery (NHS Digital) and an update to the Local Tobacco Control Profiles (PHE). This was accompanied by a joint press release produced by NHS Digital with input from ONS and PHE.</p> <p>2. Planning to do the same for 2018 reports in early July.</p>
B. Reduce duplication	<p>1. Smoking related deaths and hospital admissions were being produced by NHS Digital (detailed national level estimates) and PHE (local level estimates). From 2016/17 data, PHE will take on production of both national and local level data.</p>
C. Remove or justify and explain methodological differences	<p>1. B1 above will remove methodological differences in how national and local level smoking related deaths and admissions were being produced. The difference was due to the survey source being used to provide prevalence data for ex-smokers but the relevant survey questions have now been harmonised.</p>
D. Provide data for policy monitoring and development	<p>1. ONS published added England level analysis to their Adult Smoking Habits publication which previously focussed on GB level analysis.</p> <p>2. Planning to have subgroups to look at each element of the recently published Tobacco Control Plan to see what gaps there are and how they can be filled.</p>
E. Increase user engagement	<p>1. Planning to organise seminar through the Health Statistics User Group to showcase smoking statistics produced across government, and also raise awareness of the Tobacco Control Plan.</p>

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