



Request

1. How much budget is allocated to helping people in the local community quit smoking each year? Please provide the most up to date information possible, either for 2023 or 2024. We define 'quit smoking' as any campaigns, marketing, events, health services, resources, or groups in the local area that are specifically created to help people on their journey to quitting smoking and how much this costs the council each year, either for 2023 or 2024?
2. Do you offer free 'e-cigarettes' or vapes as part of your quit smoking strategy?

Clarification

We believe each council should have a plan in place to help the local community quit smoking. For example, Bury Council has a section on their website explaining the ways in which the council can help people to quit smoking. Please see [here](#).

Response

Expenditure runs from April 2023 to March 2024

- Total £536,495

We offer 4-week starter Vape kit as part of Office for Health Improvement and Disparities Swap to Stop campaign. In addition, we also provide a further 8 weeks supply of vapes to ensure the person is supported throughout their quit attempt. All other licensed Nicotine Replacement products are available as part of smoking cessation treatment programme. Our Prevention Transformation Board priorities is to reduce smoking prevalence through full implementation of Smoke free Wigan Plan creating healthy smoke free communities, places and helping smokers to quit. We offer a range of interventions to access stop smoking support, via community drop-in's, 1-2-1's telephone, virtual.

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[Stopping smoking \(wigan.gov.uk\)](https://www.wigan.gov.uk/stopping-smoking)