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Introduction

The government is investing an additional £70 million in 2025 to 2026 to support local authority led stop smoking services. This document outlines the confirmed funding allocation for each local authority.

This funding supports the government's commitment to create a smoke-free generation, alongside the [Tobacco and Vapes Bill \(https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3879\)](https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3879).

The National Centre for Smoking Cessation and Training (NCSCT) provides a full range of resources to support commissioners and providers of local stop smoking support. Local authorities can use [updated guidance from the NCSCT \(https://www.ncsct.co.uk/publications/commissioning-delivery-monitoring\)](https://www.ncsct.co.uk/publications/commissioning-delivery-monitoring), which includes steps for commissioning, delivering and monitoring effective evidence-based stop smoking services.

Methodology for allocations

We based the additional funding for each area on the proportion of smokers in England, in each local authority. This funding targets local authorities with the most smokers.

The funding allocations are based on the average smoking prevalence over a 3-year period between 2021 and 2023. This ensures that the allocations are based on the most recent and comprehensive data.

We divided the additional funding by the total number of smokers across England. This gives an approximate funding rate per smoker. We then multiplied this funding rate per smoker by the estimated number of smokers in each local authority, to give a total allocation.

Grant funding criteria

Local authorities will be required to meet certain criteria to be eligible for the additional funding. We will communicate detailed funding criteria to local authorities through the formal grant agreement process. The figures listed in the table below show the maximum amount of funding each area will be able to receive from the grant if they meet all the eligible criteria.

Smoking prevalence and confirmed funding allocations by local authority

The table below shows the confirmed new funding allocations by local authority. We will also communicate these confirmed funding allocations to local authorities through the formal grant agreement process.

Local authority	Average 3-year smoking prevalence (2021 to 2023)	Estimated number of smokers (2023 populations)	Confirmed additional allocation for 2025 to 2026
Barking and Dagenham	13.95%	22,031	£271,919
Barnet	9.28%	28,108	£346,923
Barnsley	15.95%	31,481	£388,548
Bath and North East Somerset	10.75%	17,565	£216,795
Bedford	11.77%	17,279	£213,268
Bexley	11.21%	21,642	£267,120

Local authority	Average 3-year smoking prevalence (2021 to 2023)	Estimated number of smokers (2023 populations)	Confirmed additional allocation for 2025 to 2026
Birmingham	14.76%	129,379	£1,596,854
Blackburn with Darwen	17.18%	20,115	£248,275
Blackpool	20.01%	22,824	£281,710
Bolton	15.95%	36,451	£449,901
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	10.56%	34,832	£429,916
Bracknell Forest	13.06%	13,025	£160,757
Bradford	15.16%	63,471	£783,387
Brent	10.24%	27,731	£342,271
Brighton and Hove	13.98%	32,566	£401,942
Bristol, City of	14.65%	57,384	£708,256
Bromley	9.78%	25,281	£312,028
Buckinghamshire	10.74%	47,176	£582,273
Bury	11.19%	16,958	£209,301
Calderdale	11.71%	19,177	£236,697

Local authority	Average 3-year smoking prevalence (2021 to 2023)	Estimated number of smokers (2023 populations)	Confirmed additional allocation for 2025 to 2026
Cambridgeshire	11.79%	66,083	£815,622
Camden	10.31%	19,025	£234,819
Central Bedfordshire	12.36%	29,710	£366,699
Cheshire East	9.78%	32,363	£399,439
Cheshire West and Chester	9.35%	27,507	£339,502
City of London	12.40%	1,590	£19,621
Cornwall	11.54%	54,546	£673,234
County Durham	14.38%	62,185	£767,511
Coventry	14.20%	39,789	£491,093
Croydon	14.50%	44,422	£548,282
Cumberland	13.36%	30,067	£371,101
Darlington	9.99%	8,806	£108,687
Derby	14.41%	29,735	£366,999
Derbyshire	13.34%	87,634	£1,081,621

Local authority	Average 3-year smoking prevalence (2021 to 2023)	Estimated number of smokers (2023 populations)	Confirmed additional allocation for 2025 to 2026
Devon	12.11%	83,104	£1,025,702
Doncaster	16.61%	41,182	£508,291
Dorset	10.03%	31,959	£394,455
Dudley	11.87%	30,493	£376,364
Ealing	16.42%	48,281	£595,912
East Riding of Yorkshire	10.94%	31,486	£388,619
East Sussex	12.74%	57,585	£710,734
Enfield	15.37%	37,953	£468,434
Essex	12.57%	152,525	£1,882,537
Gateshead	11.45%	18,243	£225,168
Gloucestershire	11.66%	61,668	£761,132
Greenwich	11.55%	26,448	£326,433
Hackney	12.02%	25,105	£309,851
Halton	13.69%	13,976	£172,493

Local authority	Average 3-year smoking prevalence (2021 to 2023)	Estimated number of smokers (2023 populations)	Confirmed additional allocation for 2025 to 2026
Hammersmith and Fulham	10.30%	15,900	£196,246
Hampshire	10.18%	116,349	£1,436,031
Haringey	13.10%	27,417	£338,387
Harrow	10.56%	21,515	£265,548
Hartlepool	15.01%	11,250	£138,858
Havering	12.36%	25,560	£315,471
Herefordshire, County of	11.42%	17,798	£219,667
Hertfordshire	10.93%	102,918	£1,270,260
Hillingdon	10.30%	25,208	£311,123
Hounslow	13.78%	31,399	£387,540
Isle of Wight	10.89%	12,796	£157,931
Isles of Scilly	12.40%	231	£2,854
Islington	9.70%	17,944	£221,470
Kensington and Chelsea	12.08%	15,044	£185,685

Local authority	Average 3-year smoking prevalence (2021 to 2023)	Estimated number of smokers (2023 populations)	Confirmed additional allocation for 2025 to 2026
Kent	12.15%	153,274	£1,891,779
Kingston upon Hull, City of	19.56%	41,245	£509,070
Kingston upon Thames	8.08%	10,823	£133,578
Kirklees	13.18%	45,263	£558,651
Knowsley	13.51%	16,757	£206,828
Lambeth	12.20%	32,151	£396,825
Lancashire	13.41%	135,998	£1,678,549
Leeds	11.89%	77,941	£961,984
Leicester	13.51%	39,325	£485,361
Leicestershire	9.99%	58,807	£725,819
Lewisham	12.69%	30,016	£370,469
Lincolnshire	14.54%	92,379	£1,140,181
Liverpool	15.88%	64,763	£799,338
Luton	16.58%	28,324	£349,592

Local authority	Average 3-year smoking prevalence (2021 to 2023)	Estimated number of smokers (2023 populations)	Confirmed additional allocation for 2025 to 2026
Manchester	15.37%	69,198	£854,071
Medway	12.03%	26,487	£326,913
Merton	14.15%	23,795	£293,686
Middlesbrough	17.66%	20,818	£256,940
Milton Keynes	12.21%	27,539	£339,893
Newcastle upon Tyne	12.86%	32,387	£399,738
Newham	12.58%	35,119	£433,457
Norfolk	13.70%	104,427	£1,288,882
North East Lincolnshire	18.24%	22,818	£281,626
North Lincolnshire	14.91%	20,239	£249,805
North Northamptonshire	15.21%	43,622	£538,401
North Somerset	10.76%	19,082	£235,525
North Tyneside	12.47%	21,158	£261,146
North Yorkshire Council	10.15%	52,088	£642,891

Local authority	Average 3-year smoking prevalence (2021 to 2023)	Estimated number of smokers (2023 populations)	Confirmed additional allocation for 2025 to 2026
Northumberland	9.88%	26,494	£326,996
Nottingham	18.66%	48,857	£603,018
Nottinghamshire	11.94%	80,671	£995,681
Oldham	13.97%	25,586	£315,789
Oxfordshire	10.54%	63,029	£777,929
Peterborough	13.12%	21,460	£264,867
Plymouth	15.57%	33,777	£416,897
Portsmouth	12.75%	21,422	£264,399
Reading	14.01%	19,649	£242,522
Redbridge	10.08%	23,809	£293,861
Redcar and Cleveland	13.32%	14,714	£181,610
Richmond upon Thames	6.63%	10,051	£124,056
Rochdale	14.64%	25,383	£313,293
Rotherham	15.15%	32,294	£398,587

Local authority	Average 3-year smoking prevalence (2021 to 2023)	Estimated number of smokers (2023 populations)	Confirmed additional allocation for 2025 to 2026
Rutland	8.92%	2,915	£35,981
Salford	14.81%	32,976	£407,009
Sandwell	18.93%	49,356	£609,174
Sefton	9.23%	21,117	£260,634
Sheffield	11.87%	54,485	£672,473
Shropshire	11.52%	31,102	£383,869
Slough	12.69%	14,705	£181,490
Solihull	10.02%	17,056	£210,508
Somerset	12.60%	59,179	£730,409
South Gloucestershire	11.02%	26,251	£324,005
South Tyneside	14.74%	17,569	£216,843
Southampton	13.28%	27,313	£337,105
Southend-on-Sea	12.48%	17,919	£221,162
Southwark	12.39%	32,094	£396,115

Local authority	Average 3-year smoking prevalence (2021 to 2023)	Estimated number of smokers (2023 populations)	Confirmed additional allocation for 2025 to 2026
St. Helens	11.51%	17,136	£211,503
Staffordshire	8.85%	64,199	£792,367
Stockport	11.68%	27,503	£339,448
Stockton-on-Tees	10.86%	17,189	£212,151
Stoke-on-Trent	15.23%	30,925	£381,688
Suffolk	12.56%	78,616	£970,308
Sunderland	13.58%	30,622	£377,956
Surrey	8.99%	86,542	£1,068,144
Sutton	8.57%	13,808	£170,424
Swindon	10.55%	19,555	£241,361
Tameside	18.42%	33,642	£415,220
Telford and Wrekin	14.93%	22,220	£274,254
Thurrock	14.59%	19,383	£239,230
Torbay	16.40%	18,790	£231,913

Local authority	Average 3-year smoking prevalence (2021 to 2023)	Estimated number of smokers (2023 populations)	Confirmed additional allocation for 2025 to 2026
Tower Hamlets	12.05%	31,993	£394,878
Trafford	9.55%	17,335	£213,957
Wakefield	13.64%	39,003	£481,394
Walsall	14.21%	31,074	£383,530
Waltham Forest	9.09%	19,434	£239,866
Wandsworth	9.69%	26,460	£326,575
Warrington	9.58%	16,112	£198,859
Warwickshire	12.97%	63,857	£788,151
West Berkshire	11.48%	14,695	£181,377
West Northamptonshire	12.54%	42,561	£525,312
West Sussex	12.80%	92,421	£1,140,707
Westminster	12.64%	22,919	£282,879
Westmorland and Furness	11.19%	21,178	£261,392
Wigan	13.29%	35,704	£440,679

Local authority	Average 3-year smoking prevalence (2021 to 2023)	Estimated number of smokers (2023 populations)	Confirmed additional allocation for 2025 to 2026
Wiltshire	10.81%	44,820	£553,185
Windsor and Maidenhead	9.91%	11,984	£147,906
Wirral	11.04%	28,584	£352,803
Wokingham	5.86%	8,230	£101,584
Wolverhampton	14.46%	29,931	£369,416
Worcestershire	12.49%	61,775	£762,450
York	8.67%	14,931	£184,284

