

# Tabakkontrolle im Vereinigten Königreich

Tobacco Harm Reduction - Innovative Rauchentwöhnungsstrategien, 18.10.2023

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# Declaration of interests

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# Tobacco control scale – UK's place in Europe

100 points maximum

Price, Public place bans, Budget, Ad bans, Health warnings, Treatment, Illicit trade, FCTC 5.3 compliance

 2005
 2007
 2010
 2013
 2016
 2019
 2021

 73 points
 93 points
 77 points
 74 points
 81 points
 80 points
 82 points















Germany: 36 to 43 points



# Prevalence, ambitions and proposals

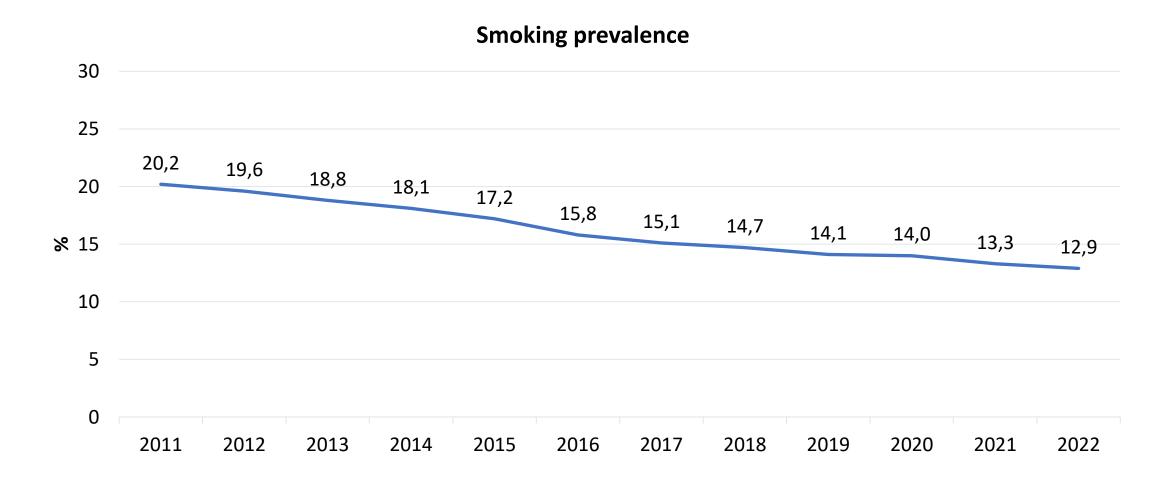


## Smokefree ambition

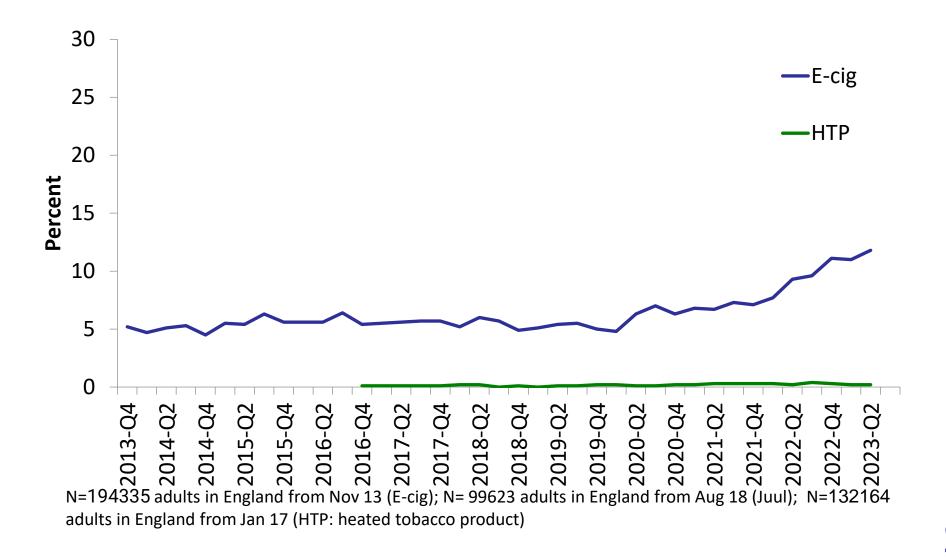


- 2019 government objective
- England to be smokefree by 2030
- Definition: ≤ 5% of the population smoke

## Adults

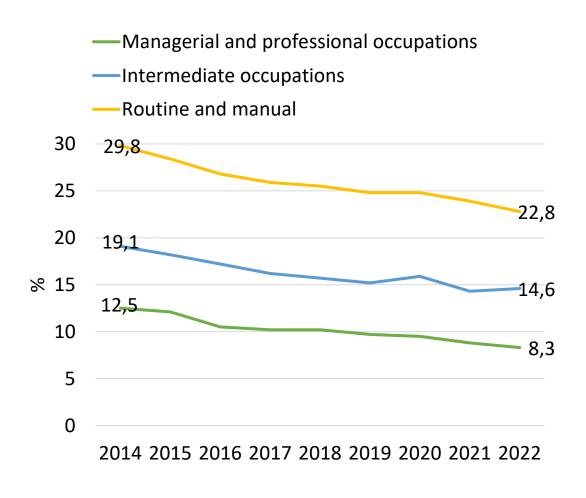


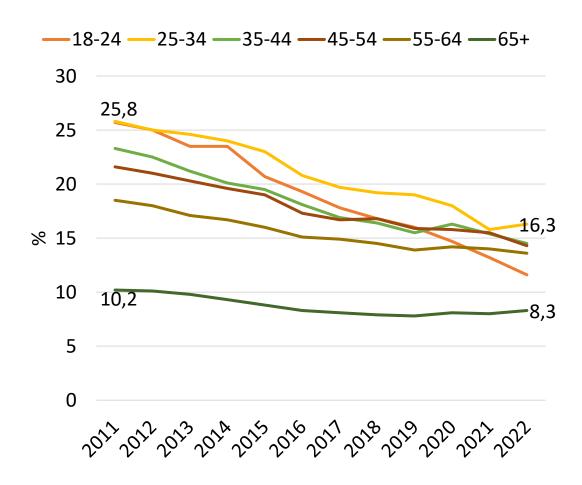
## Adults - Prevalence of e-cigarette & heated tobacco product use





# Adults - Smoking by occupation and age





#### Independent report

## Making smoking obsolete: summary

Updated 25 August 2022

### Critical recommendations



Increased investment, £125 million /year, including extra £70 million for stop smoking services



Increase age of sale for tobacco by one year every year



Promote vaping as effective smoking cessation support



Improve prevention in the NHS, provide support and treatment at every interaction

#### Independent report

## Making smoking obsolete: summary

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Four critical recommendations are boxed in red. These are 'must dos' for the government to achieve a smokefree England by 2030, around which all other interventions are based.

#### Part 1: Invest Now

REC 1: Urgently invest £125m per year in interventions to reach smokefree 2030.

Option 1: Additional funding from within government

Option 2: A 'polluter pays' industry levy Option 3: A corporation tax surcharge

#### Part 3: Quit for Good

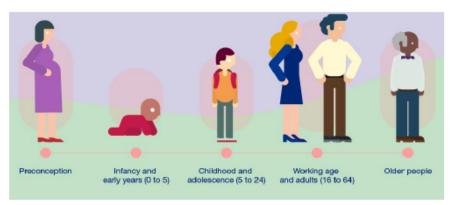
REC 8: Offer vaping as a substitute for smoking, alongside accurate information on the benefits of switching, including to healthcare professionals.

**REC 9:** Invest an additional £70 million per year into 'stop smoking services', ringfenced for this purpose.

**REC 10:** Invest £15 million per year in a well-designed national mass media campaign, supported by targeted regional media.

#### Part 2: Stop the Start

REC 2: Raise age of sale of tobacco by one year, every year.



The image above shows **the lifecycle of a smoker**. From smoking in pregnancy and the impact on the unborn baby, to old age, where 2/3 lifetime smokers will likely die from smoking. Interventions are needed at all stages of a person's life.

**REC 3:** Substantially raise the cost of tobacco duties (more than 30%) across all tobacco products, immediately. Abolish all duty free entry of tobacco products at our borders.

**REC 4:** Introduce a tobacco licence for retailers to limit where tobacco is available.

**REC 5:** Enhance local illicit tobacco enforcement by dedicating an additional funding of £15 million per year to local trading standards.

**REC 6:** Reduce the appeal of smoking by radically rethinking how cigarette sticks and packets look, closing regulatory gaps and tackling portrayals of smoking in the media.

**REC 7:** Increase smokefree places to denormalise smoking and protect young people from second-hand smoke.

#### Part 4: System Change

REC 11: The NHS needs to prioritise prevention, with further action to stop people smoking, providing support and treatment across all its services, including primary care

**REC 12:** Invest £15m per year to support pregnant women to quit smoking in all parts of the country.

**REC 13:** Tackle the issue of smoking and mental health.

**REC 14:** Invest £8m to ensure regional and local prioritisation of stop smoking interventions through ICS leadership.

**REC 15:** Invest £2 million per year in new research and data, including investing £2 million in an innovation fund.

# April 2023 Government speech

#### "Swap to stop"

- Free vaping kit offer to 1 million smokers
- Alongside behavioural support
- Develop digital approach
- Target most at risk

#### Financial incentive to support quitting in pregnancy

- 11% smoking at time of delivery
  - 1.6% to 28% by local authority
- Vouchers for confirmed abstinence, several time points

#### Other aspects

• Stopping kids vaping and other aims, since superseded

# Youth – Smoking and vaping prevalence

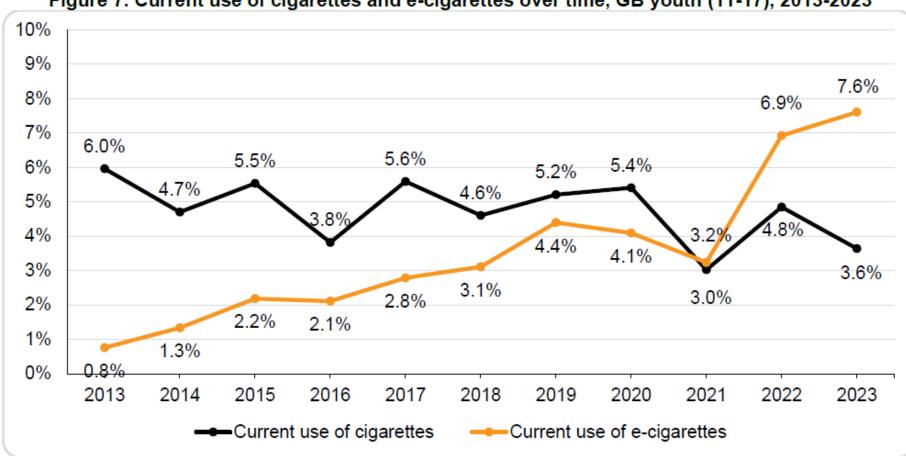


Figure 7. Current use of cigarettes and e-cigarettes over time, GB youth (11-17), 2013-2023

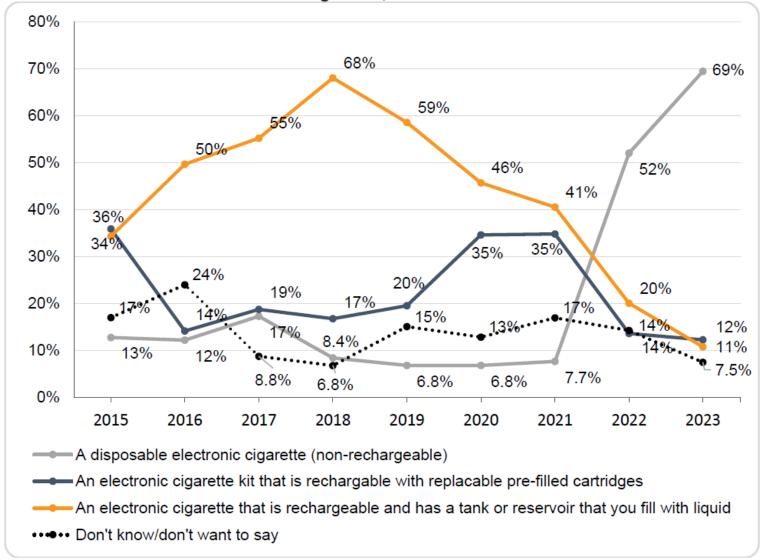
**ASH Smokefree GB Youth Surveys, 2013-2023.** Unweighted base: All 11-17 year olds (2013=1,895, 2014=1,817, 2015=1,834, 2016=1,735, 2017=2,151, 2018=1,807, 2019 =1,982, 2020 =2,029, 2021=2,109, 2022=2,111, 2023=2,028)



# Youth – type of device



Figure 14. Most frequently used e-cigarette by device type, current GB youth (11-17) users of e-cigarettes, 2015-2023



**ASH Smokefree GB Youth Surveys**. Unweighted base: 11-17 year olds who are current users of e-cigarettes (2015 = 41, 2016=36, 2017=60, 2018=59, 2019=94, 2020=94, 2021=76, 2022=172, 2023=187)

# ASH Policy Recommendations youth vaping

# Reduce affordability and accessibility

- Excise tax on single use/disposable vapes
- Retain differential between ecigarettes and tobacco

#### Reduce appeal of ecigarettes

 Prohibit 'childish' branding, descriptors of flavours

# Prohibit promotion and display of e-cigarettes in shops

- Putting vapes out of sight and reach of children
- Age verification

# Motivate adults who smoke to quit

 Anti-smoking public health campaigns which promote vaping as quitting aid



### Rishi Sunak announcements 4 October 2023

# Smoke-free generation

- Born on or after 1
   January 2009 never
   be legally sold
   cigarettes
- Raising age of sale by one year each year

# Curb rise in youth vaping (consultations)

- Flavours, descriptions
- Point of sale displays
- Packaging, product presentation
- Disposable vapes
- Free samples, nonnicotine vapes
- While available to quit smoking

# Strengthen enforcement

- New funding (£30 million/year)
- New powers to fine retailers
- Track down illicit tobacco and vaping products
- Enhance online age verification

# Support people to quit smoking

- Doubling funding available for local stop smoking services
- Additional funding for national marketing campaigns
- Consulting on mandatory cigarette pack inserts
- And swap to stop;
   incentives



# Current smoking cessation approaches

# Stoptober campaign 2023

To increase quit attempts



#### Ways to quit

Many people try to quit smoking with willpower alone, but it's much easier to go smoke-free with the right help. There are lots of support options available – try a combination that works for you.



# Vaping to quit smoking

Nicotine vapes can help you to quit smoking and they are substantially less harmful than cigarettes.



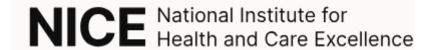
#### Stop smoking aids

Stop smoking aids help you manage nicotine cravings and other tobacco withdrawal symptoms.



#### Find your local Stop Smoking Service

Get free expert help from your local Stop Smoking Service and boost your chances of quitting by 3 times.



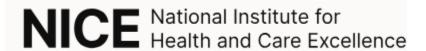
# Guidance: Stop-smoking interventions

#### Accessible to adults who smoke

- Very brief advice
- Behavioural support (individual and group)
- Bupropion
- Nicotine replacement therapy
- Varenicline
- Nicotine-containing e-cigarettes
- Allen Carr's Easyway in-person group seminar

# More likely to result in them successfully stopping smoking

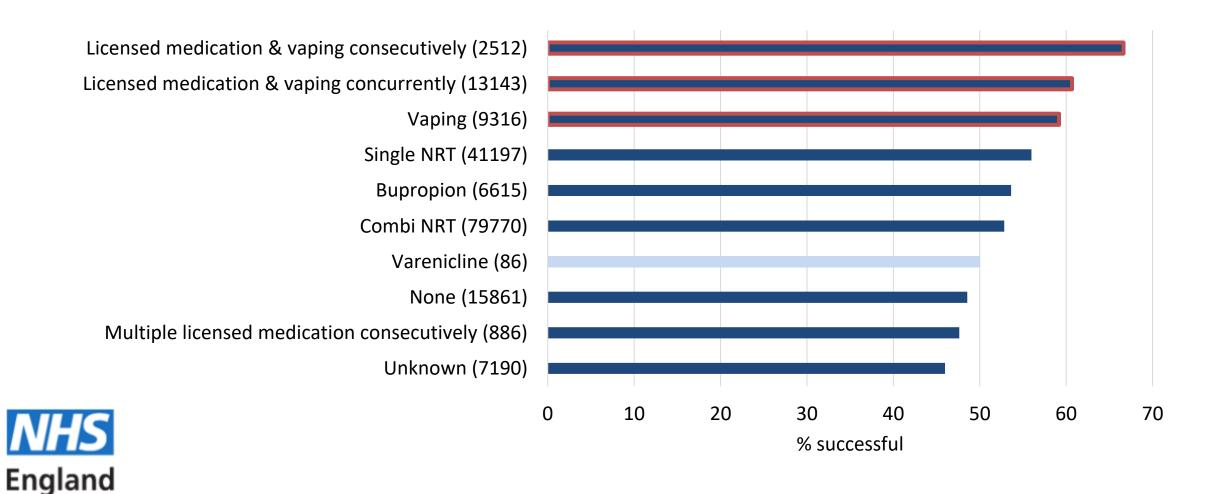
- Varenicline
- Combination of short-acting and longacting NRT
- Nicotine-containing e-cigarettes
- All when combined with behavioural support



# Advise adults how to use nicotine-containing e-cigarettes

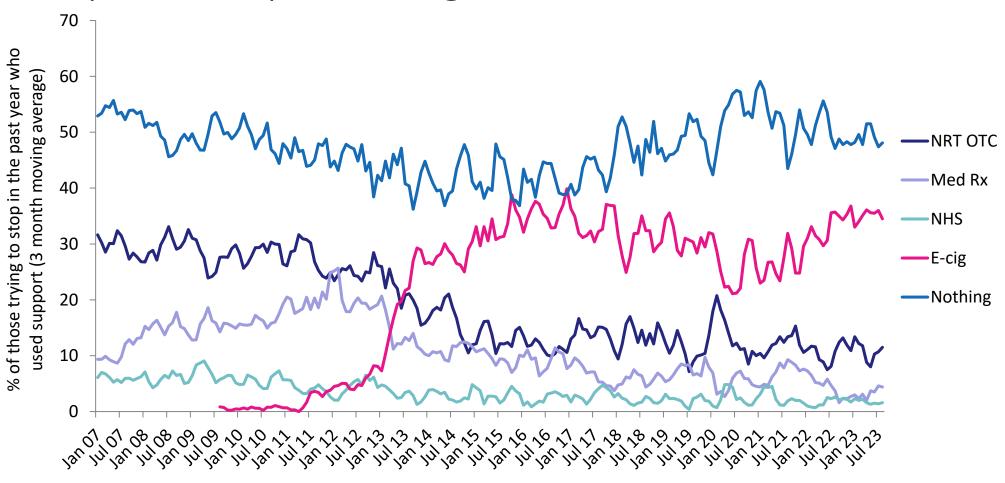
- Not licensed medicines but regulated by TRPR
- Not enough evidence to know whether there are long-term harms
- Use likely to be substantially less harmful than smoking
- Any smoking is harmful, so should stop smoking tobacco completely
- Discuss
  - how long intend to use
  - using for long enough to prevent return to smoking
  - how to stop using when ready to do so
- Side effects or safety concerns MHRA Yellow Card scheme
- Importance of getting enough nicotine to overcome withdrawal symptoms

# Stop smoking services - Treatment and outcomes 2022/23



# General population survey - Support used in attempts to stop smoking



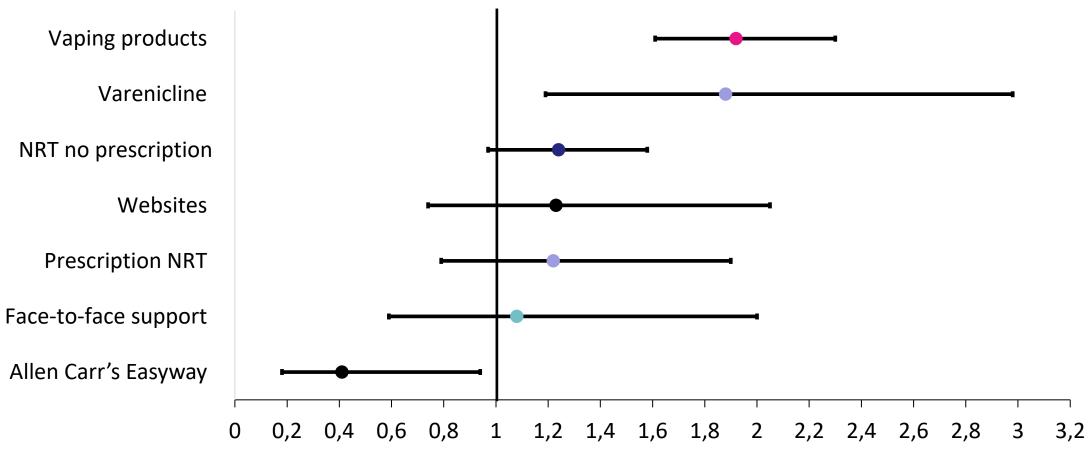


NRT OTC: Nicotine replacement therapy bought over the counter; Med Rx: Prescription medication; NHS: Stop Smoking Service; E-cig: Vaping products. Method is coded hierarchically with smokers using more than one method classified into most intensive by the following scheme: 1. Nothing, 2. NRT OTC, 3. E-cigarette, 4. Med Rx, 5. NHS.

# General population survey - Success rates



Adjusted Odds ratio (95% Confidence Interval) for smoking cessation



Jackson, Brose et al, under review Unweighted n=5593, adults who tried to stop smoking in the past year (2016/17 and 2020-2023)

# Summary

- Comprehensive tobacco control
- Smokefree England ambition
- Smokefree generation
- Behavioural and pharmacological smoking cessation support
- Vaping and incentives for smoking cessation
- Consultations on regulation to curb youth vaping