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Date 28 March 2019

Dear Pharmacist,

**Re: Discontinuation of NRT (Nicotine Replacement Therapy) Voucher Funding**

As of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 the NRT Voucher funding scheme in Bury will no longer be in service. Bury's Lifestyle Service and Stop Smoking Intermediates acting on behalf of the Lifestyle Service will no longer be issuing NRT Vouchers to new Stop Smoking clients. This will mean that any vouchers claimed through the scheme which are issued after 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019 will not be reimbursed.

***However, please note clients whose first stop smoking appointment fell on or before 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019, will continue to receive the support in the form of NRT vouchers that we have promised, as per normal practice. When this is the case the voucher will be accompanied by a supporting letter (see template attached).***

***NB - ONLY VOUCHERS WHICH HAVE AN ATTACHED LETTER (AS PER TEMPLATE) OUTLINING THE START DATE OF THE INITIAL SUPPORT WILL BE REIMBURSED.***

The role of the Bury Lifestyle Service will remain unchanged in that it will continue to provide behaviour change support, assisting clients to identify the best methods to support their quit but will no longer provide vouchers for NRT. Instead, where appropriate, staff/advisors will be expected to provide advice regarding the most suitable products and signpost clients to places where they can purchase their chosen product(s).

Yours sincerely,



**Lesley Jones**  
**Director of Public Health**

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Pharmacy

Dear Pharmacist,

**Authorisation to Process Attached NRT (Nicotine Replacement Therapy) Voucher**

With effect from **27 March 2019**, the Lifestyle Service and Stop Smoking Intermediates acting on behalf of the Lifestyle Service are no longer able to issue NRT Vouchers to new Stop Smoking clients. However, the Public Health Team have confirmed that clients who have been issued with an NRT Voucher on or before this date (27 March 2019), will continue to receive the support that we have promised, as per normal practice.

Further to the above instruction, I hereby authorise you to process the attached NRT Voucher for payment, details below:

Voucher Number:	<b>B</b>
Voucher Issue Date:	

Client Name:		
Date of First Appointment:		<b>IMPORTANT NOTE:</b> <b>ONLY</b> Start Dates <b>ON</b> or <b>BEFORE</b> <b>27/03/19</b> will be reimbursed

Issued By (Print Name):	
Signature:	

Yours sincerely,



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