Resource for referrers



Our skilled York Health Trainers offer free confidential one-to-one support and guidance, face-to-face or remotely. We cover two main areas: Health Trainer sessions and Stop Smoking sessions.

Health Trainer sessions

Approximately six sessions, flexible to suit the clients. Person-centred behaviour change support through: goal setting, motivational interviewing, advice, support and signposting to resources, community activities and other relevant services. Sessions are conversation-based and clients work on their goals independently between their sessions.

Here we highlight the four Health Trainer topics we cover and resources clients might expect to use:

Healthy eating advice and weight management

• Energy balance: sustainable weight management techniques

Eatwell guide: discuss food groups, balanced meals/ snacks

· Reading food labels: portion sizes, traffic light system

Making healthier swaps, recipe ideas

• Keeping a food diary, exploring food and feelings







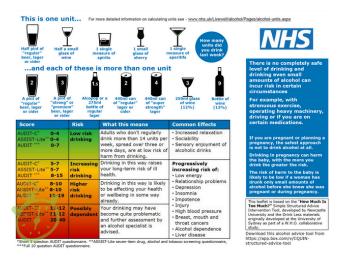
Finding ways to be more active

- Discuss the benefits of being active
- Provide client centred physical activity guidance
- Government physical activity guidelines
- Keeping an activity diary
- Discuss barriers to being physically active
- Signpost to physical activity online at home and options in the community

Use this diary to record any physical activity you do throughout the week – this includes things like walking, using th stairs instead of the lift or carrying light loads as well as sports and going to the gym.							
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunda
What?							
Time:							
Minutes:							
Difficulty /10							
How feel? – before & after							
Steps							

Reducing your alcohol intake

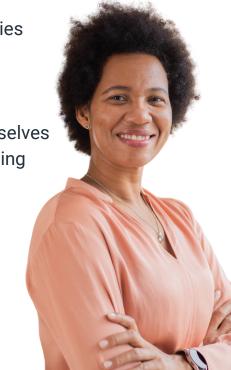
- Alcohol Audit-C completed
- Discuss Government guidelines for alcohol consumption
- Alcohol identification and brief advice tool
- Understand alcohol and health
- Tips on cutting down
- Use the unit calculator to find out how many units are in different drinks
- Signpost to NHS Drink Free Days app



Finding groups and activities to get out in the community

- Understand client interests, hobbies, any activities or hobbies done previously
- Signpost to other services
- Signpost to activities (online and in person)
- Use the Live Well York website so clients can search themselves
- Check-in sessions to see how clients' new activities are going

For clients with more complex needs, we might refer to other services e.g. Social Prescribers, Local Area Coordinators, tier 2 or higher weight management programmes, Slimming World, Change Grow Live, to name a few.



Stop smoking



1:1 support for clients to reach four weeks fully quit approx. seven sessions:

- 10 weeks free nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) and/or Ecigarettes provided
- Weekly sessions until 4 weeks quit then fortnightly until 10 weeks.
- Stop smoking client booklet provided
- Carbon monoxide readings offered in face-to-face appointments

Initial session:

- Discuss motivations for quitting
- Risks of smoking and benefits of quitting
- · Understand nicotine dependency and why smoking is addictive
- Nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) options and plan developed
- · Discuss use of e-cigarettes to support quit
- · Discuss habits associated with smoking and how to break them
- Decide guit date and not even a puff from then on
- Steps to take to prepare for quit date

Session 2: around time of smoker's quit date

- Review progress so far
- Review NRT
- · Discuss cravings and how they are being managed
- Review changes to habits
- Discuss barriers and how to manage and overcome them
- Assess confidence levels



Session 3 onwards: weekly check-ins until four weeks quit

- Discuss benefits
- Discuss any issues and develop a plan to manage this
- Tips to maintain long term quit
- Stepping down plan for NRT discussed
- Signpost to NHS stop smoking app and National Smoke Free helpline



We also support pregnant smokers and their partners:

- Weekly sessions up to 4 weeks quit, fortnightly up to 12 weeks quit, monthly until 3 months after birth.
- Pregnant smokers and partners are eligible for 12 weeks free NRT and/or e-cigarettes.
- Pregnant smokers eligible for £170 worth of vouchers throughout their quit.

How to refer to the York Health Trainers service?

- The easiest way is to directly refer a client or ask client to refer themselves online and click 'Register with Health Trainers' at <u>www.york.gov.uk/healthtrainers</u>
- Or call our number: **01904 553377**
- Or send us an email: healthtrainers@york.gov.uk

What our clients say

"I feel better in myself, far better than I was. I'm determined to carry on - this is my life now. I knew what I needed to do, but I needed more detail and more information on how to do it – now I'm much more aware of what I'm putting into my body."

Wendy

"I've never looked back and never had a cigarette since. Fiona was absolutely fantastic, she was understanding, she knew exactly what was needed, she kept in touch to ask how I was doing - it's a brilliant service."

Kevin

"I wanted to quit to make sure my baby was healthy and would definitely recommend this scheme, you get so much support and help and it makes you want to quit even more. I feel a lot healthier, I'm not coughing as much and am breathing better."

Lucy







