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# Indicator CCG44

The proportion of people with severe mental illness who are recorded as current smokers.

# Indicator type

Clinical commissioning group indicator.

# Rationale

Smoking is the most important cause of preventable ill health and premature death in the UK. Smoking rates are higher in people diagnosed with severe mental illness compared to the rest of the population. This indicator can be used to inform local service needs assessment.

# Source guidance

[Tobacco: preventing uptake, promoting quitting and treating dependence. NICE guideline NG209](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/NG209) (2021), recommendations 1.11.1 and 1.11.6.

# Specification

Numerator: the number in the denominator who are identified as current smokers.

Denominator: The number of people with a diagnosis of severe mental illness.

Calculation: (Numerator/denominator)\*100

Exclusions: Patients in remission from severe mental illness.

Data source: CCG OIS dataset 1.23 [Smoking rates in people with serious mental illness (SMI)](https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/ccg-outcomes-indicator-set).

Minimum population: The indicator would be appropriate to assess performance of individual CCGs.

# Further information

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