


Smoking prevalence in adults - current smokers

Prevalence of smoking among persons aged 18 years and over

Performance: 
Warwickshire
2015: 12.1%

Introduction

Smoking is the most important cause of preventable ill health and premature mortality in the UK. It is a major risk factor for many diseases, such as lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and heart disease.

Smoking is a modifiable lifestyle risk factor; effective tobacco control measures can reduce the prevalence of smoking in the population. One in two lifelong smokers will die early as a result of smoking.



Future activity

All people are protected from second hand smoke exposure in workplaces and public places including parks and play areas.
Campaigns to promote smokefree homes and smokefree cars.

Current position

The Public Health Outcomes Framework (PHOF) includes Annual Population Survey prevalence of smoking in adults:

	2012	2013	2014	2015
North Warwickshire Borough	14.2%	14.6%	15.3%	10.8%
Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough	22.2%	13.7%	20.6%	15.9%
Rugby Borough	18.2%	15.9%	14.5%	11.9%
Stratford-on-Avon District	20.4%	14.2%	11.5%	11.9%
Warwick District	15.4%	19.0%	14.6%	9.8%
Warwickshire	18.5%	15.6%	15.4%	12.1%
England	19.3%	18.4%	17.8%	16.9%

Current activity

Warwickshire Stop Smoking Service offers one-to-one support, along with stop smoking medicines, for the cost of a prescription at GP surgeries, selected pharmacies and other venues. This service is also available at www.quit4good.co.uk.

Tackling illicit tobacco in partnership with Trading Standards.

The Smokefree Warwickshire Alliance is a multi-agency partnership group who oversee and advise on the strategic direction of Tobacco Control across the county and to monitor and review progress of the Smokefree Warwickshire action plan.

Campaigns: Stoptober and Quit4good.

Prevention programmes developed and implemented within schools in Warwickshire.

Supporting national initiatives to reduce smoking prevalence (e.g. standardised packaging).