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# Prioritising the unanswered questions in tobacco control

A summary of the 20th Anniversary Priority Setting (CTAG taps) project



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## About the project

The Cochrane Tobacco Addiction Group celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2016. To mark the event we completed a project funded by the UK National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) School for Primary Care Research.

The goals of the project were to:

- 1 Identify and prioritise areas where further research is needed in the areas of tobacco control and smoking cessation from a wider stakeholder perspective. Our stakeholders include: members of the public who smoke or have smoked, researchers, health professionals, policy makers, funders, care commissioners, health campaigners.
- 2 To identify CTAG-specific research goals from the outcomes of our first goal.

We achieved this through three stages:

**Survey 1 (n=304)**

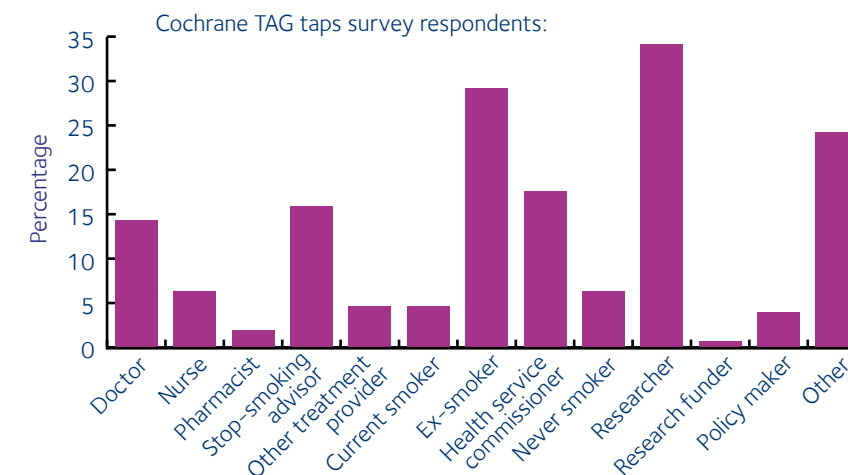
We asked our stakeholders, including SRNT 2016 delegates to tell us which questions they would still like to see answered by tobacco control research. This identified 183 unanswered questions, within 15 research categories.

**Survey 2 (n=175)**

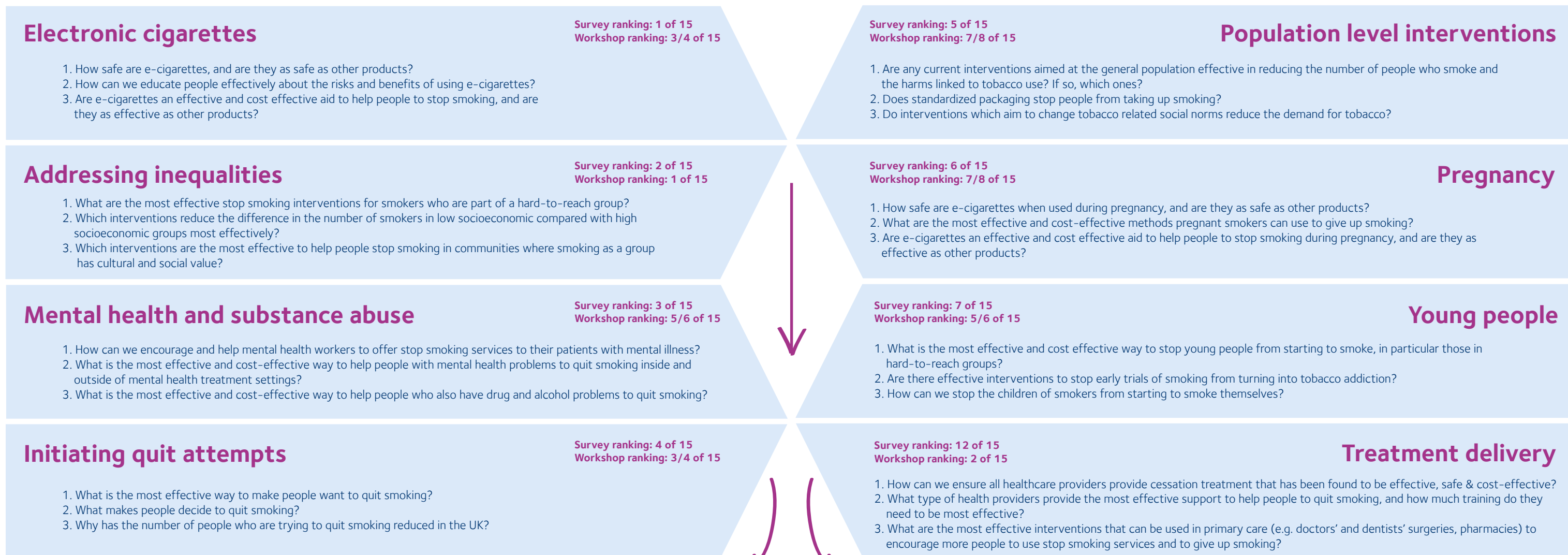
The findings of survey 1 were fed back to respondents who were asked to prioritise the research categories and the questions within them. For a summary of the top ranking categories and questions see below.

**Workshop**

43 of our stakeholders attended a one-day workshop where they discussed their priorities for tobacco research and suggestions for research dissemination.



## The top eight tobacco-related research categories and their top three unanswered research questions, prioritised for CTAG taps by Cochrane Tobacco Addiction Group stakeholders:



## Overarching priorities identified at the CTAG taps workshop:

Efficacy

Cost effectiveness

Comparing active interventions

Addressing inequality

## What's next?

### Our action plan following the CTAG taps project:

#### 1 Report CTAG taps findings

We are currently writing a full report of our findings which we will post on our website: <https://tobacco.cochrane.org/ctag-taps-project>. The findings will also be published in the journal *Addiction*.

#### 2 Set CTAG priorities

The unanswered questions and overarching priorities identified will be used to commission new Cochrane systematic reviews and plan updates of existing reviews.

## About the Cochrane Tobacco Addiction Group

The Cochrane Tobacco Addiction Group was established in 1996 at the University of Oxford, UK and forms part of Cochrane. Cochrane is an international not-for-profit, independent organisation, dedicated to producing and disseminating up-to-date, accurate information about the effects of healthcare worldwide.

The major product of Cochrane is the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews which is published as part of The Cochrane Library.

The Cochrane Tobacco Addiction Group produce systematic reviews by amalgamating the evidence on interventions to prevent and treat tobacco addiction. This includes interventions for

smoking cessation, for preventing smoking uptake, and public policy interventions for reducing smoking prevalence.

We are passionate about disseminating our reviews and getting quality evidence out there to the people who need it- researchers, healthcare commissioners, policy makers, service providers and people who may wish to give up smoking.

Our work relies on the input of dedicated healthcare professionals and researchers. If you are interested in getting involved in the group please email us at [cochrane.tobacco@phc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:cochrane.tobacco@phc.ox.ac.uk).

## Access our systematic reviews online at the Cochrane Library

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