Frank Stops Smoking

In July 2020, West Sussex Public Health launched a Stop Smoking project aimed specifically at supporting Homeless people to quit Smoking, due to their increased risk factors in relation to Covid-19 and to reduce health inequalities across the county. Working with Totally Wicked Vape Shop, local Homeless Charities and the Wellbeing Hubs, they developed a service to provide one-to-one support and the option to use vaping or nicotine replacement products to help them quit.

Dependence:

Smoking mainly roll ups, over 15 a day, for over 30 years

Barriers:

Stress: his personal situation and has a family member in hospital

Fears:

Worried about gaining weight if stops and developing unhealthy eating habits

Referred:

By Turning Tides Homeless charity for the Homelessness Vaping Project in July 220

Agreed quit date:

7 August 2020

Motivation for quitting:

Getting older, health concerns and wants better breathing to improve activity levels

Methods used to help with quit:

- Motivational support from advisers, weekly calls
- Nicotine Replacement Products (NRT)
 Nasal spray and chewing gums

Achievements:

- Engaged and committed : never missed one telephone appointment (6 weeks)
- Has not smoked one cigarette since quit date
- Has reduced dependency on nasal spray from 2 a week down to 1 for 2 weeks currently
- Increased physical activity with walking and hopes to get access to gym soon (but uncertainties due to Covid-19)

On 23/09/2020 Frank was still not smoking and has been free of cigarettes for just over 6 weeks and is still doing well.

"Thank you to my Adviser for the support and keeping memotivated" Frank





