

Should lifestyle choices influence  
clinical decisions regarding surgery?

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## Obese patients 'surgery ban' in York to be reviewed




A review of the current policy on obese patients waiting for surgery in the city of York is to be carried out by the local authority.

The review is being carried out by the local authority and will look at the current policy on obese patients waiting for surgery in the city of York.

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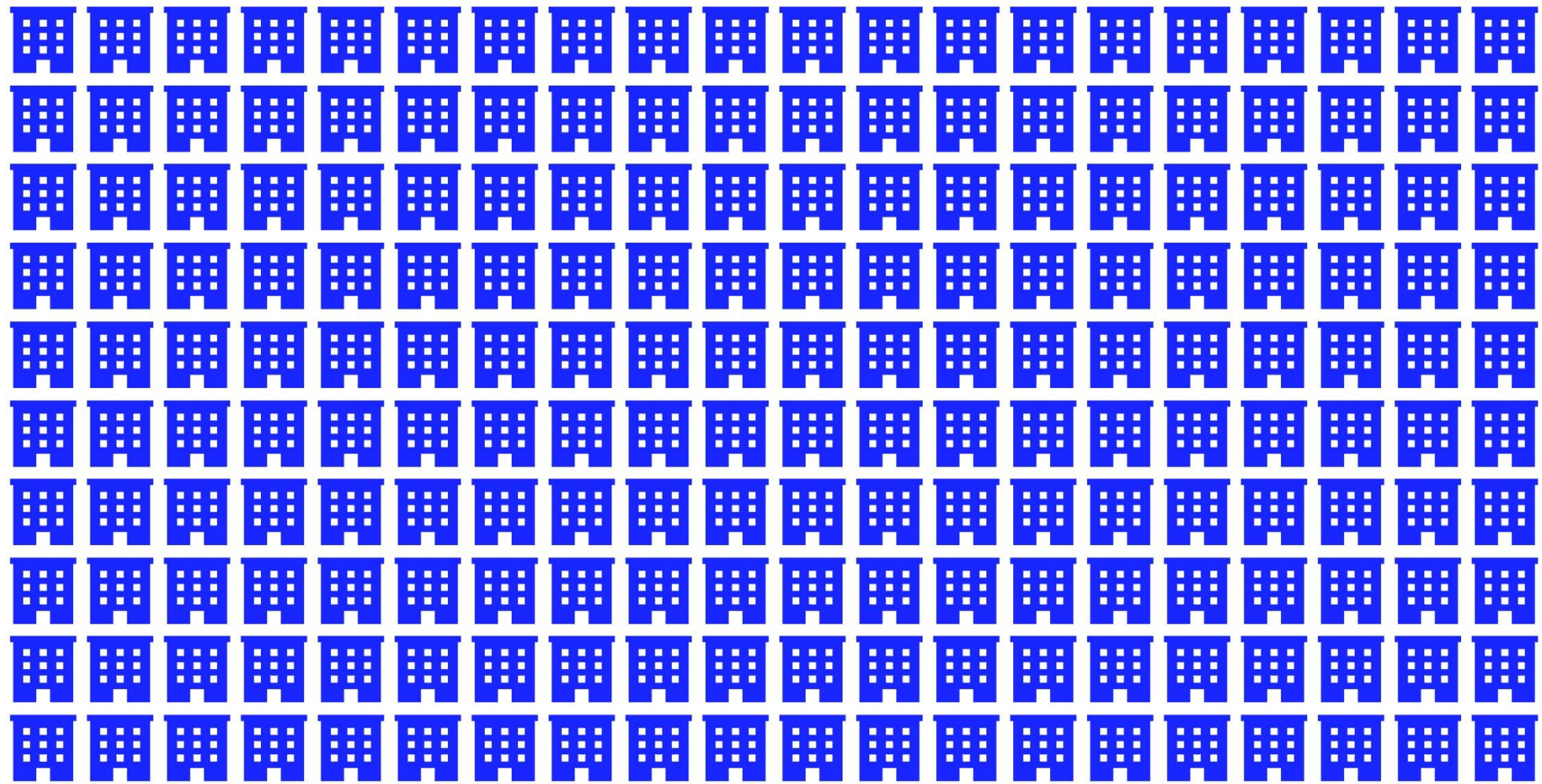
**How much does it cost to live in York?**

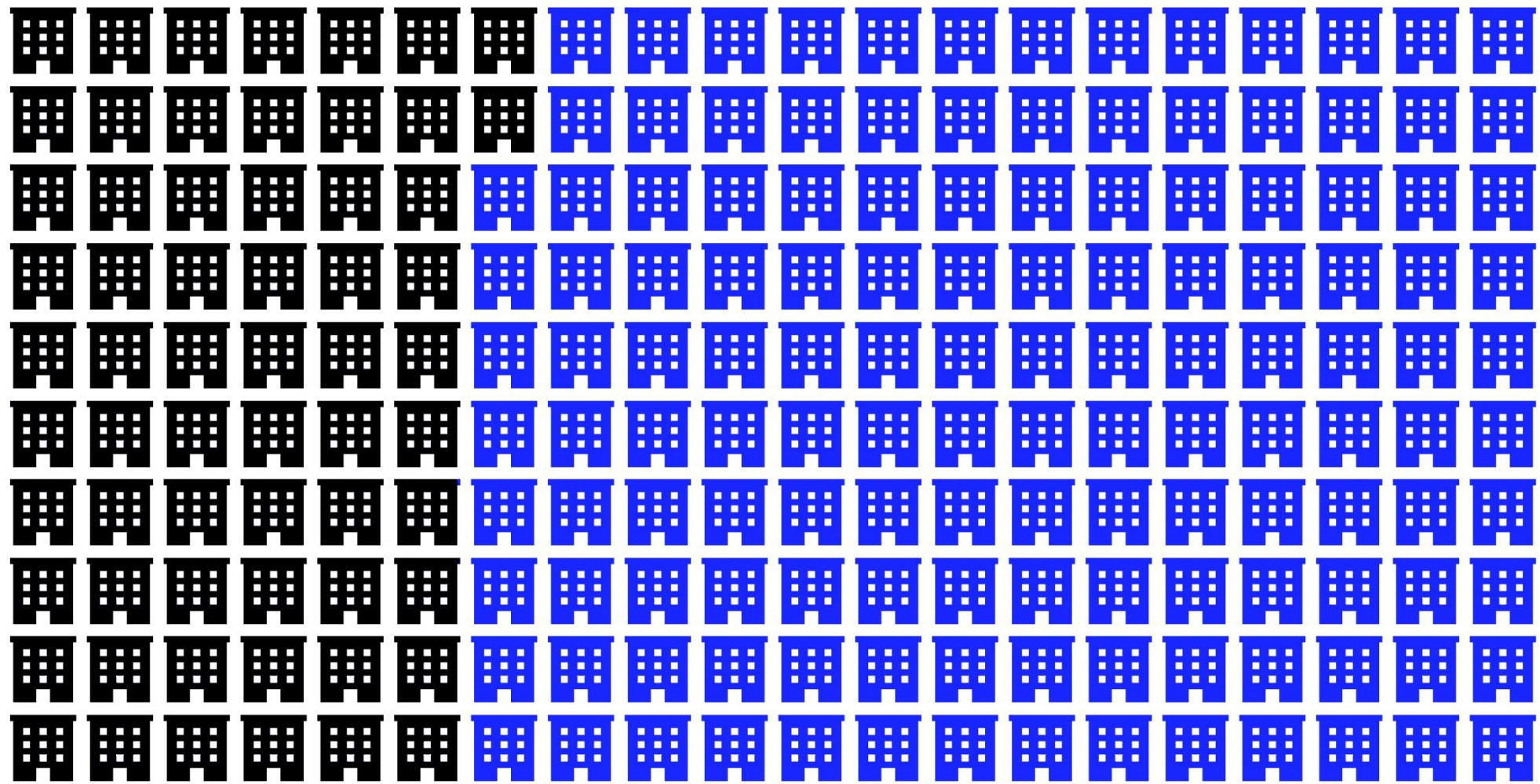
York is a beautiful city with a rich history and a vibrant culture. It is a great place to live and work. The cost of living in York is relatively high, but the quality of life is excellent.

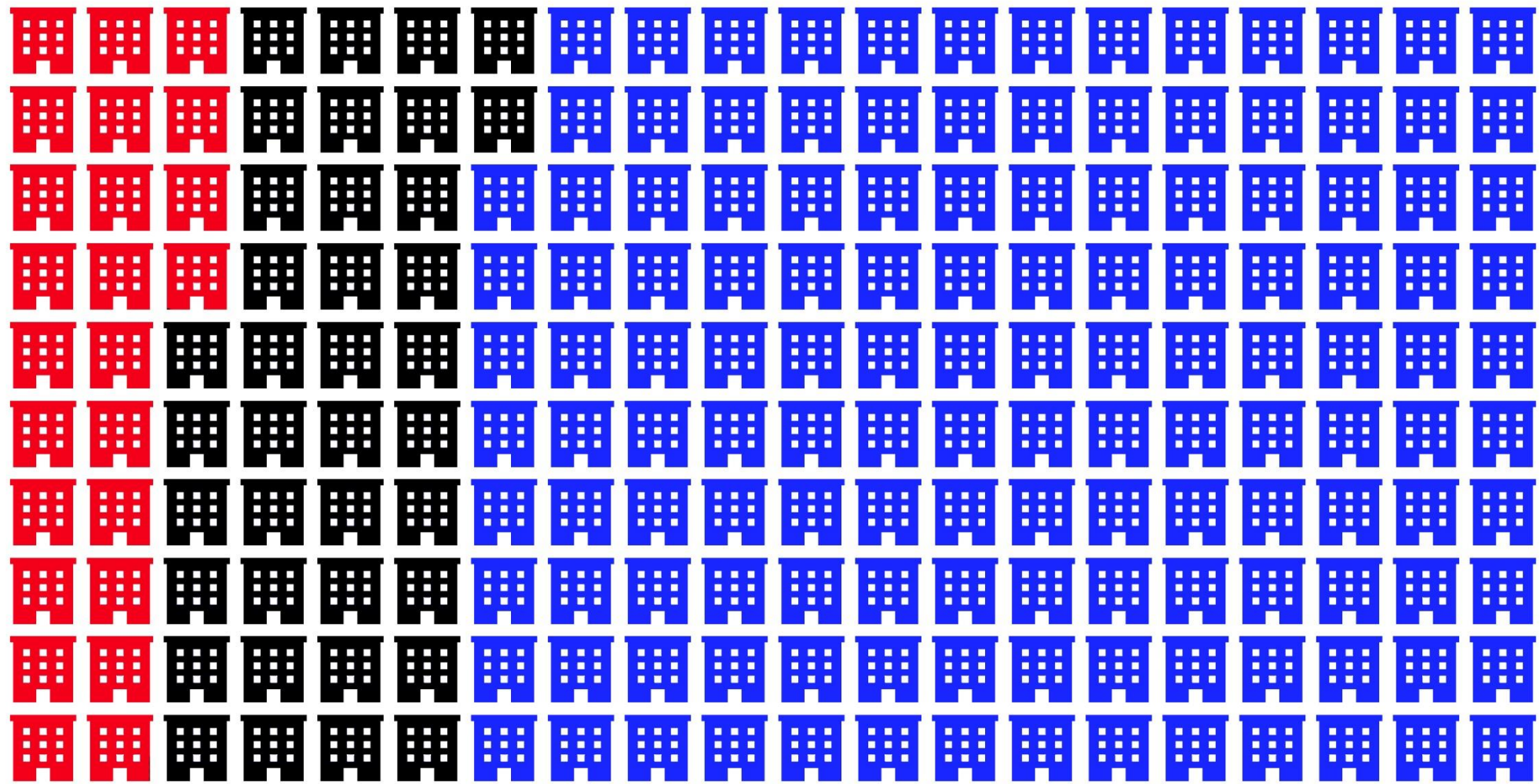


## Smokers and overweight patients:

Soft targets for NHS savings?













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# Commissioning Guide:



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Pain arising from the hip in adults

“age, gender, smoking, obesity and co-morbidity should not be barriers to referral”

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“Total Hip Replacement (THR) is cost effective, returning 90% of patients to their previous job...

The National Tariff for THR is cheaper than long-term conservative management of osteoarthritis of the hip.”

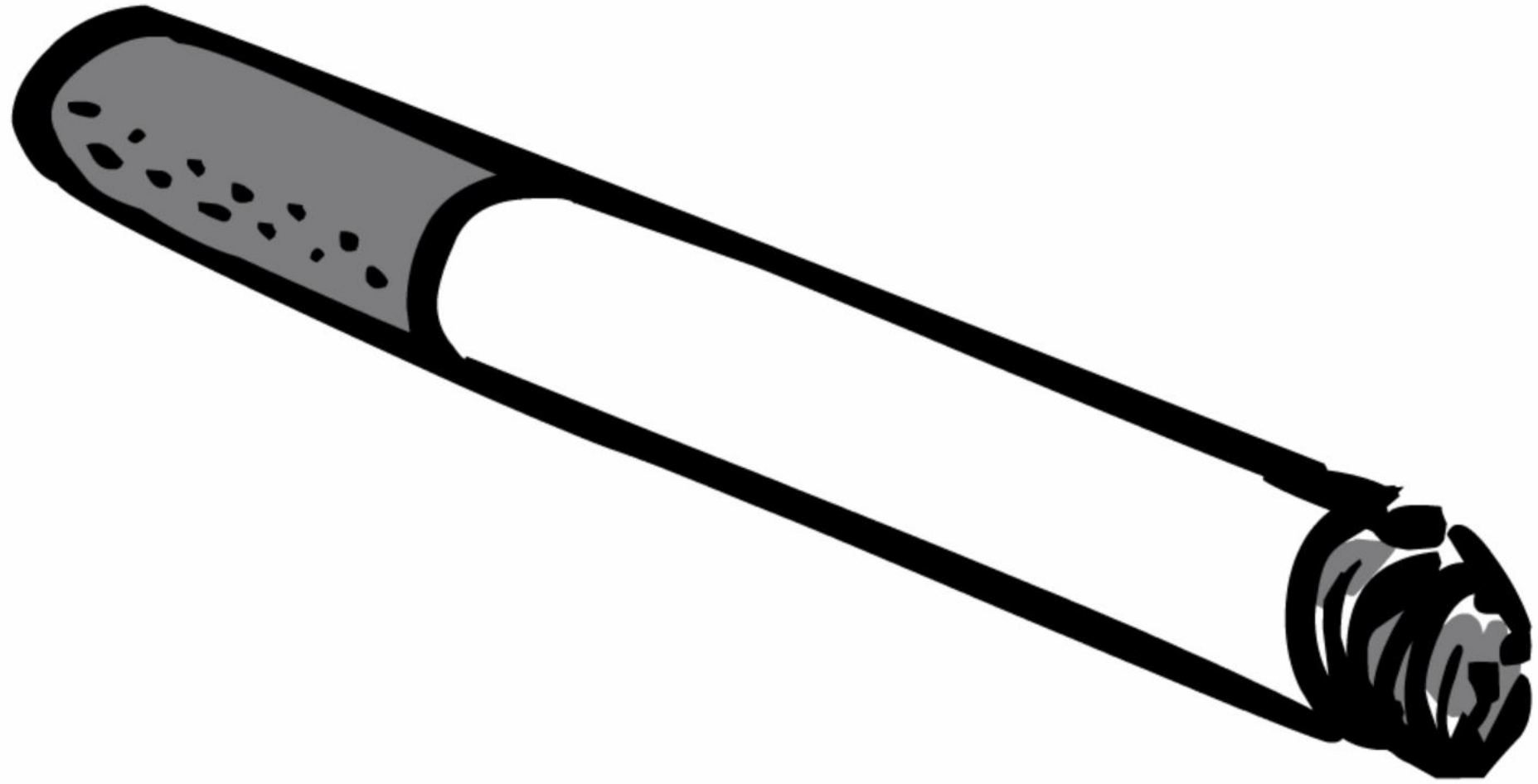
# NICE National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

## Osteoarthritis: care and management

Clinical guideline [CG177] Published date: February 2014

“Patient-specific factors (including age, sex, smoking, obesity, and comorbidities) should not be barriers to referral for joint surgery.”





## Varicose veins: diagnosis and management

Clinical guideline [CG168] Published date: July 2013

### 1.2 Referral to a vascular service

1.2.1 Refer people with bleeding varicose veins to a vascular service<sup>[3]</sup> immediately.

1.2.2 Refer people to a vascular service if they have any of the following.

- Symptomatic<sup>[4]</sup> primary or symptomatic recurrent varicose veins.
- Lower-limb skin changes, such as pigmentation or eczema, thought to be caused by chronic venous insufficiency.
- Superficial vein thrombosis (characterised by the appearance of hard, painful veins) and suspected venous incompetence.
- A venous leg ulcer (a break in the skin below the knee that has not healed within 2 weeks).
- A healed venous leg ulcer.













# NHSBT POLICY POL195/4

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alcoholic liver disease

non-alcoholic fatty liver disease

chronic viral hepatitis B, C, D

autoimmune liver diseases

genetic haemochromatosis

Wilson's disease

alpha – 1 antitrypsin deficiency

congenital liver disease

HCC

diuretic resistant ascites

chronic hepatic encephalopathy

intractable pruritus

hepatopulmonary syndrome

familial amyloid polyneuropathy

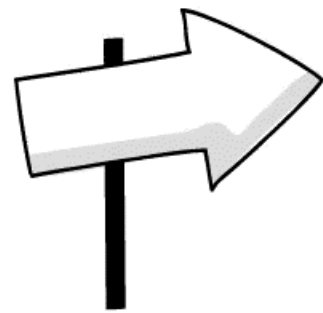
familial cholesterolaemia

polycystic liver disease

sickle cell hepatopathy

secondary sclerosing cholangitis





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