

The background features a repeating pattern of purple and green pills. A prominent green pill is in the foreground, partially overlapping a bright green rectangular box. The text is overlaid on this scene.

SHOULD SMOKERS GET TREATMENT ON THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE?

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SOME ARGUMENTS FOR:

The National Health Service was established to provide healthcare and treatment for everyone.

Smokers pay taxes that finance the NHS, so they are as entitled to treatment as anybody else.

SOME ARGUMENTS AGAINST:

By smoking, people are putting themselves at risk of diseases that they would be unlikely to get if they didn't smoke.

The cost of treating diseases that are specifically caused by smoking puts the NHS under enormous financial pressure.

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SOME THINGS FOR YOU TO THINK ABOUT

How much does the NHS cost to run?

What diseases can be directly linked to smoking?

How much does it cost the NHS to treat these?

120,000 people each year die from diseases caused by smoking.



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WHERE TO FIND OUT MORE...

'Tobacco - some history'

Information sheet.

www.mindbodysoul.gov.uk

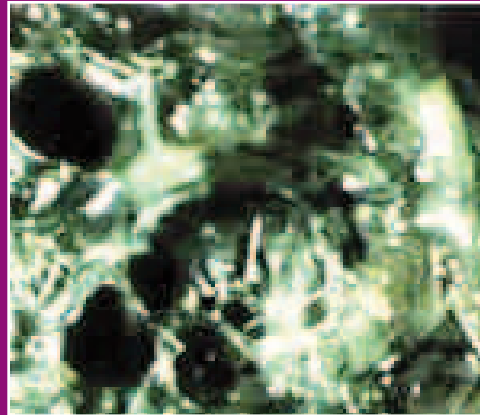
Click on 'smoking' to find out more about its effects.

www.ash.org.uk

Click on 'Fact Sheets and Essential Information' on the homepage for sheets that give you lots of statistics that will be helpful for this debate. If you click on 'Resources' on the homepage and then on 'Visual Resources' there are also some very scary photos.

www.nhs.uk/aboutnhs/Pages/HowtheNHSworks.aspx

NHS explanation of how it works



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