

Where should our research priorities lie? Using stakeholder engagement to inform the future of tobacco control

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About the project

The Cochrane Tobacco Addiction Group (CTAG) 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 within the outcomes of our first goal.

Methods

Survey 1 (N=304) We asked our stakeholders incl. 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 & the questions within them

Workshop 43 of our stakeholders attended a 1-day workshop where they discussed their priorities for tobacco research and suggestions for research dissemination

Overarching priorities identified in workshop

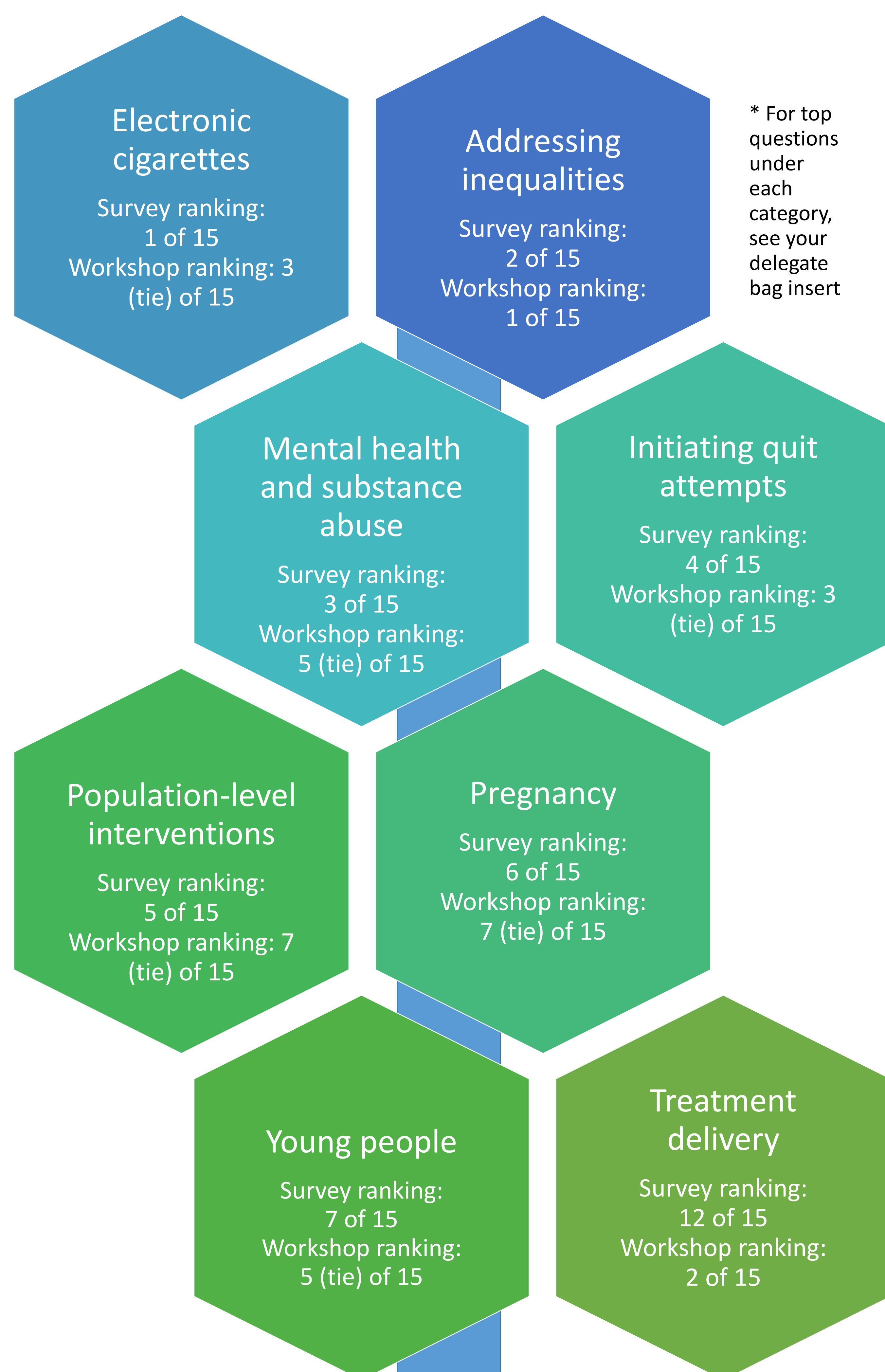
Efficacy

Cost effectiveness

Comparing active interventions

Addressing inequalities

Top 8 tobacco related research categories



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.