

## James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnership Question Verification Form

The purpose of this Question Verification Form is to enable Priority Setting Partnerships (PSPs) to describe clearly how they checked that their questions were unanswered, before starting the interim prioritisation stage of the process.

The JLA requires PSPs to be transparent and accountable in defining their own scope and evidence checking process. This will enable researchers and other stakeholders to understand how individual PSPs decided that their questions were unanswered, and any limitations of their evidence checking. For an example of this form completed by a PSP, please see <http://www.jla.nihr.ac.uk/priority-setting-partnerships/hyperacusis/downloads/Hyperacusis-PSP-question-verification-form.pdf>

<b>Name of the PSP</b>
Electronic Cigarettes
<b>Please describe the scope of the PSP</b>
The aim of the electronic cigarettes PSP is to identify the unanswered questions about the use of electronic cigarettes for smoking cessation and harm reduction from patient and clinical perspectives and then prioritise those that patients and clinicians agree are the most important. The PSP included in its scope questions about pregnant smokers, young people, smokers with different health conditions, e.g. COPD, lung cancer; prisoners; mental health patients; homeless population; routine and manual workers; and any age. The PSP excluded from its scope questions about non-UK population.
<b>Please provide a brief overview of your approach to checking whether the questions were unanswered</b>
This was done primarily by Abby Hunter in conjunction with the steering group. Any queries about whether a question was truly unanswered was discussed with the steering group.
<b>Please list the type(s) of evidence you used to verify your questions as unanswered</b>
We looked for systematic reviews and meta analyses. We looked for relevant guidelines e.g. from NICE, Public Health England; Royal College of Physicians. We also looked for ongoing surveys, e.g. the Smoking Toolkit Study that regularly collects data on prevalence of smoking, and vaping, across different regions and demographic factors.
<b>Please list the sources that you searched in order to identify that evidence</b>
PubMed; Cochrane Collection; Embase; PsychInfo; Google Scholar; PHE; NICE
<b>What search terms did you use?</b>
Electronic cigarettes E-cigs E-cigarette Vaping Electronic Nicotine Delivery System ENDS
<b>Please describe the parameters of the search (eg time limits, excluded sources, country/language) and the rationale for any limitations</b>
We excluded articles that were not in English. We searched back 4 years
<b>Names of individuals who undertook the evidence checking</b>
Abby Hunter
<b>On what date was the question verification process completed?</b>
2.4.19
<b>Any other relevant information</b>