



I would like to progress to the next 'level' of training.

We generally don't refer to 'levels' of practitioner training anymore as they mean different things to different people and nothing to a client attempting to quit. We are in the process of developing advanced behavioural support training for specialist practitioners working with priority groups, but the timescale for release is currently uncertain.

If you are looking to enhance your skills further, we recommend that practitioners new to the field attend a virtual/face-to-face course in behavioural support and observe an experienced practitioner. For those with experience, it is key to regularly refresh your skills. We recommend that practitioners complete the Very Brief Advice on smoking (VBA+) training course every year and the Practitioner Training course and assessment every five years, but ideally every three years. Note, however, that NCSCT certification does not confer expert status.

If you decide to commission another training organisation or train internally, then at the very least you should aim for all the learning objectives in the NCSCT Training Standard, some of which are covered in the Practitioner Training and Assessment Programme, to be met: <https://www.ncsct.co.uk/publications/ncsct-training-standard-learning-outcomes-for-training-stop-smoking-practitioners>