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How can smoking be reduced once again, given that prevalence – 12 million daily smokers in the adult population – has been at the same level for several years? On Tuesday, November 28, the French Minister for Health and Prevention Aurélien Rousseau unveiled the new national tobacco control program for the period 2023-2027. "Every year, France pays a heavy price for smoking, which remains the leading cause of avoidable mortality, with 75,000 deaths a year, or 200 deaths a day," he said.

This long-awaited plan comes at a time when new products such as disposable electronic cigarettes aimed at teenagers are causing concern. The plan's first step aims to prevent people from taking up smoking, particularly younger people, although there was a clear drop in this age group between 2017 and 2022 / among whom there was a clear drop between 2017 and 2022. "Now we need to take the next step," said Rousseau, reiterating the government's objective of a tobacco-free generation by 2032.

To achieve this, the price of a pack of cigarettes – currently around €11 – will jump to €13 by 2027 as planned by the government / as the government had announced / planned.

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Beyond this unprecedented social conflict, questions are being asked about the NHS model as a whole the NHS model itself. But for the time being, neither the Conservatives, who have been in power for 13 years, nor the Labour Party, which hopes to take back Downing Street in the next general election (in 2024), dare to answer these questions frankly. When it was founded 75 years ago, the NHS was a revolutionary public service. It was completely free. It still is: appointments with GPs, ambulance services, emergency room visits and hospital admissions are made without NHS-registered patients having to pay a pound. // without a single pound being charged to the patients, who have to register to the National Health Service / who have to be registered with a GP.

Only drugs are paid for, but the amounts are modest. Essentially funded by British people's taxes, the NHS budget is the largest item in the budget of the United Kingdom (£180 billion a year; €200 billion). It was spared during the decade of austerity imposed by the Conservatives, starting in 2010.

Note Anyone living in the UK can register with a GP (general practitioner) practice to receive NHS services. Once you've registered with a GP, you'll receive an NHS Number. You'll need the number to book services online or register for prescriptions. Your NHS Number is issued when you first register and stays the same for the rest of your life. If you only plan to be in the UK for a brief period of time, you can also register as a temporary patient. This might be necessary if you have a chronic illness or condition, or if you're injured while traveling in the UK