

# Systemic barriers to smoking relapse prevention in pregnancy and postpartum periods among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women: A qualitative study with smoking cessation support providers

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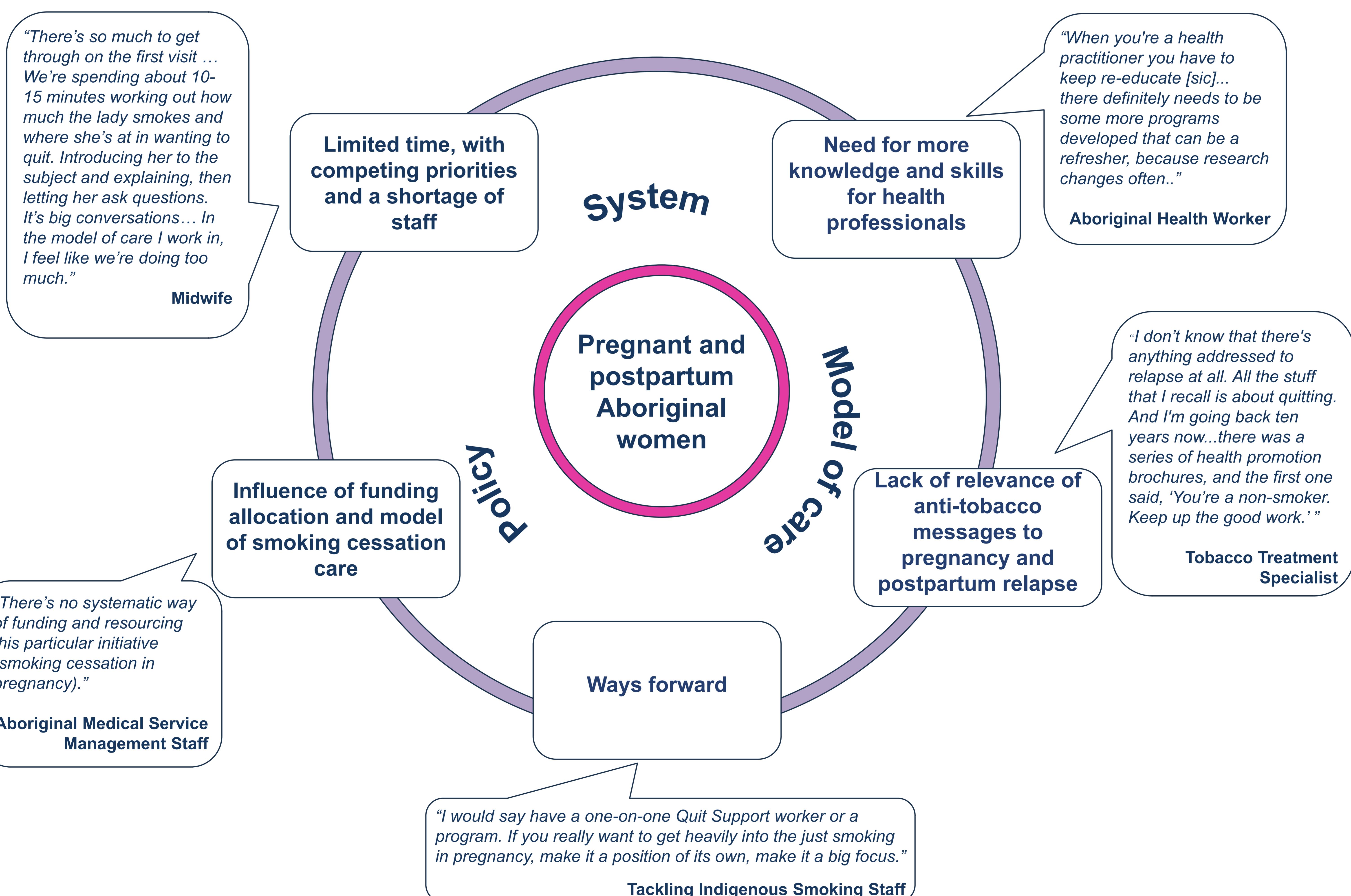
## Background

While the prevalence of adult daily smoking among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples (hereafter respectfully Aboriginal) declined, (1) the decline in the prevalence of smoking during pregnancy among Aboriginal women has not been consistent. (2) Sustaining quit attempts during pregnancy and postpartum can potentially improve the quitting rate and reduce tobacco-related morbidity among Aboriginal people across generations.

## Results

Table 1: Participant characteristics (N=26)

Age	Sex	
≤44	13	Female
45-60	12	Male
Chose not to answer	1	
Aboriginality	Roles	
Aboriginal	Service/Health Promotion	22
Non-Aboriginal	Research/Policy	4



## Conclusion

Addressing systemic barriers to the provisions of smoking cessation care among pregnant and postpartum Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women is a health priority. Dedicated funding is warranted to support individual-level smoking cessation care for Aboriginal women.

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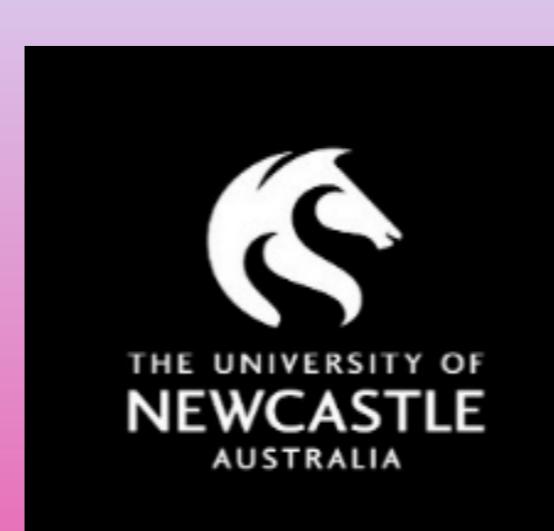
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