

Information Governance

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Dear

Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act

Thank you for your email of 14th June, making a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. You requested the following information and the Trust is able to provide the information below in response:

Request:

(1) What is your Trust's policy regarding smoking on hospital grounds? Please specify. For example:

Is

smoking banned throughout the site?

smoking banned in the car park?

smoking banned in private vehicles while on site?

smoking permitted anywhere on site?

Are

there smoking shelters (eg in the car park, in the grounds)?

there designated smoking areas (eg in the car park, in the grounds)?

(2) On what date did the Trust adopt its current policy on smoking?

(3) Does the Trust have any plans to change its smoking policy? If so, please specify what those changes will be. For example, do you intend to:

Remove

existing smoking shelters and extend non-smoking areas, or

Permit

designated smoking areas or install designated smoking shelters

(4) If the answer to Q3 is 'YES' please specify the date on which the Trust plans to implement the changes.

(5) What is the Trust's policy regarding vaping in (a) hospital buildings including wards, and (b) hospital grounds?

(6) Does the Trust have any plans to change its vaping policy? Please specify how it will change and when.

(7) How are the Trust's smoking policies enforced? For example: signage, public address systems, use of CCTV cameras/wardens to monitor the site etc.

(8) How many recorded complaints has the Trust received from members of the public (including patients) about patients, visitors or staff smoking on hospital grounds since 1st January 2018?

Response:

1 to 7: please find a copy of the Trust Smoke Free Policy attached to the accompanying email.

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If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to me and I will ensure the decision is reviewed. The Trust will consider undertaking a review if requested to do so within 40 working days of the date the response is received by the applicant, and will apply discretion if a longer period of time has passed.

Should you wish to make a complaint as a result of the outcome of such a review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision.

Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust for FoI Act matters.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Please contact me if there are any further queries.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mark Underwood

Head of Information Governance