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Freedom of Information Request – Ref: FOI 194-1819

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request about the Trust's smoking policy. Please find the Trust's response below.

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

- Is smoking banned throughout the site? **Yes**
- Is smoking banned in the car park? **Yes**
- Is smoking banned in private vehicles while on site? **Yes**
- Is smoking permitted anywhere on site? **No**
- Are there smoking shelters (eg in the car park, in the grounds)? **No**
- Are there designated smoking areas (eg in the car park, in the grounds)? **No**

(2) On what date did the Trust adopt its current policy on smoking? **21st March 2017**

(3) Does the Trust have any plans to change its smoking policy? The policy will be reviewed in 2020. If so, please specify what those changes will be. For example, do you intend to:

- Remove existing smoking shelters and extend non-smoking areas **N/A**
- Permit designated smoking areas or install designated smoking shelters **N/A**

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

(5) What is the Trust's policy regarding vaping in

- (a) hospital buildings including wards. **This is not permitted**
(b) hospital grounds? **Vaping is permitted within the grounds of Trust Premises**

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

The national guidance on vaping is being updated regularly and Trust guidance will be updated accordingly to reflect this.

(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.

We do have smoke free signage at all our sites however we do not enforce; we use other methods of encouragement and support rather than punitive methods. We don't use CCTV to monitor smoking or use a public address system.

(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?

Our Trust had no formal complaints raised regarding this issue during the timeframe requested.

Yours sincerely,

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