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Re: Freedom of Information Request
Ref: 90- 2020

Thank you for your email dated the 2nd April 2020, requesting information regarding smoking policy and procedures.

The information that you require is as follows:

I'm getting in touch with an FOI request as I was wondering if you could please tell me how your Trust plans to enforce the new smoking ban on hospital grounds once it takes effect in April?

The policy advises colleagues to approach people they see smoking, remind them it is a no smoking site and advise them that help and support is available. The Trust will only escalate to the Security Team if someone was causing an issue, e.g. smoking close to doors and refusing to move on.

Secondly for those caught disobeying the ban, if they are to be fined as a result, how much exactly would they have to pay out?

The Trust policy does not include fines

Thirdly, does your trust currently offer any on-site smoking cessation methods to encourage people to quit or seek an alternative to traditional cigarettes (such as e-cigarettes)? Would these also have to be purchased or would they be distributed free of charge?

The Trust adopts a "Very Brief Advice" approach to smoking cessation coupled with a referral to an existing services. Nicotine replacement therapy is supplied free of charge. Trust policy acknowledges vaping as part of a harm reduction approach.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address provided below.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for this to be investigated internally.

If you are dissatisfied with the information you have received, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Both processes will be handled in accordance with our Trust's Freedom of Information Policy and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Internal investigation and internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Freedom of Information Review, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 4JY

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal investigation/review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.