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Re: Freedom of Information Request
Ref: 143-2018

Thank you for your email dated 6th July 2018, requesting information regarding the Trusts smoking policy.

The information that you require is as follows:

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

Is smoking banned throughout the site?

Yes, the health campus is a smoke free site.

Is smoking banned in the car park?

Yes, the health campus is a smoke free site.

Is smoking banned in private vehicles while on site?

Employees of the trust are not permitted to smoke on site this includes in private vehicles.

Is smoking permitted anywhere on site?

No, the health campus is a smoke free site.

Are there smoking shelters (e.g. in the car park, in the grounds)?

No, the health campus is a smoke free site.

Are there designated smoking areas (e.g. in the car park, in the grounds)?

No, the health campus is a smoke free site.

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

The trust's Smoke Free Policy was most recently updated in February 2018.

(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:

All trust policies are reviewed periodically.

Remove existing smoking shelters

N/A

and extend non-smoking areas

N/A

or

Permit designated smoking areas or install designated smoking shelters

No

(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, and (b) hospital grounds?

(a) Vaping is not permitted within the hospital building

(b) Vaping is allowed outside in the hospital grounds.

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

The trust will continue to evaluate the emerging evidence and relevant guidance of vaping as part of a harm reduction approach.

(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.

Signage

(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?

There have been zero PALS concerns or complaints in relation to smoking during the time period of the 1st January 2018 to the 9th July 2018.

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.

In order for us to ensure customer satisfaction and to monitor compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete a short feedback form via the link below:

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