

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 4995

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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to smoking and vaping.

You asked:

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

- Is smoking banned throughout the site?*
- Is smoking banned in the car park?*
- Is smoking banned in private vehicles while on site?*
- Is smoking permitted anywhere on site?*
- Are there smoking shelters (e.g. in the car park, in the grounds)?*
- Are there designated smoking areas (e.g. 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?

- 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?

Trust response:

1. & 2.

Under Section 21 of the Act we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to

you. The information you requested is available from the trust website using the following link:

www.mtw.nhs.uk/2018/07/mtw-hospitals-go-smokefree

3. No

4. Not applicable

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www.mtw.nhs.uk/foi/e-cigarette-policy-130918/

6. No

7. Signage

8. None