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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 No smoking.

You asked:

 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?
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?

3. 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?

Trust response:

- 1. The Trust went smoke free on 1st August 2018
- 2. No fines will be issued.

3. Some of the smoke free posters across the site offer advice for those wishing to quit in partnership with ONEYOU initiative. In addition staff undertake 'Brief Advice' for patients and development of a pathway for onward referral to 'oneyou' (KCHFT) and prescribing or medication i.e. nicotine replacement therapy.