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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 the Trust's smoking policy.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.*

- 1. Total cost of all signage at all sites for the Trust*
- 2. The total cost at each site*
- 3. A breakdown for each type of sign (e.g. 6 X £100)*
- 4. The total number of signs at each site and number of each design*
- 5. The dates that the signs were erected*
- 6. Since the signs were erected, how many people have been asked to leave each site, when found smoking on site*
- 7. How many staff have been disciplined for smoking on site*

Trust response:

1. Records not available from 2018. The cost would have been approved as a part of the NHS smoke free national agenda and the Trust would have been obliged to comply. Purchase orders like this would not have been required to be kept past the financial year.
2. Records not available.
3. Records not available.
4. Records not available.
5. The Trust went smoke free on 01 August 2018. The signage would have been erected before this date in response to the national NHS smoke free agenda and legislation. The exact date is not known.
6. This information is not recorded.
7. One which was escalated to disciplinary, however, many staff have had verbal warnings, the exact number is not recorded.