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Subject: Trust plans to enforce the new smoking ban on hospital grounds from April

## REQUEST

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?

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?

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?

## RESPONSE

The Trust is already a smokefree site and has a Smokefree Policy in place that extends to all Trust sites, including grounds.

There are no plans to introduce fines for those that do not comply with the Smokefree Policy.

Support to stop smoking is provided on site with drop in sessions available at Whiston Hospital, which is provided by our local Stop Smoking Service. This has currently been provided remotely due to the pandemic situation. The service offers access to free (to those eligible) or reduced cost Nicotine Replacement Therapy via a voucher scheme.