



Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Request Ref: NGFOI 18/19: 344

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 19/9/2018.

I am pleased to be able to provide you with the following information:

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

a. *Is smoking banned throughout the site?*

Yes

b. *Is smoking banned in the car park?*

Yes

c. *Is smoking banned in private vehicles while on site?*

Yes

d. *Is smoking permitted anywhere on site?*

No

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

No

f. *Are there designated smoking areas (eg in the car park, in the grounds)*

No

2. *On what date did the Trust adopt its current policy on smoking?*

No Smoking & Smoke Free Site policy ratified in September 2015

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:*

a. *Remove existing smoking shelters and extend non-smoking areas, or*

b. *Permit designated smoking areas or install designated smoking shelters*

There are no current plans to change the smoking policy.

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?*

No Smoking & Smoke Free Site policy refers to ‘relates to the use of all tobacco products such as pipes, cigars, smoking of shisha as well as all electronic cigarettes, (Nicotine Containing Product)’

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

There are no current plans to change the smoking policy.

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.*

Policy, signage, Security team monitoring the site, availability of advice on smoking cessation

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?*

I can confirm on behalf of the Trust and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not collate the information that you have requested.