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Dear Sir/Madam

Request for Information - Smoking Enforcement and Fines on Hospital Grounds (2022–2025)

We are writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information you requested.

A copy of the information is below:

Please provide the following information for each of your hospitals for each of the calendar years below:

2022

2023

2024

2025

1. How many fixed penalty notices (FPNs) related to smoking on or near hospital grounds have been issued by your organisation?

2022 – None

2023 – None

2024 – None

2025 – None

2. What was the total monetary value of these fines?

2022 – Not applicable

2023 – Not applicable

2024 – Not applicable

2025 – Not applicable

3. How many of these fines remain unpaid (if recorded)?

2022 – Not applicable

2023 – Not applicable

2024 – Not applicable

2025 – Not applicable

4. How many formal warnings relating to smoking on or near hospital grounds were issued?

Information not held.

5. What is the current policy regarding smoking on or near hospital grounds within your NHS Board / Trust / local authority area?

Smoking of tobacco or any other substance is not permitted anywhere within the Trust premises or grounds

6. How many formal complaints has your NHS Board / Trust received?

There have been no formal complaints relating to smoking enforcement or fines. However, the Trust received the following informal concerns from members of the public that mentioned smoking near entrances:

2022 – 3

2023 – 1

2024 – 2

2025 – 6

These were not all recorded in Datix as formal complaints. None focused solely on smoking; smoking was mentioned as part of a wider concern.

7. Does your organisation enforce a smoke-free perimeter or exclusion zone around hospital entrances or buildings? If yes:

Yes

What is the required distance?

Smoking of tobacco or any other substance is not permitted anywhere within the Trust premises or grounds

When was the policy introduced?

Smokefree Environment Policy issued February 2016

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Yours sincerely,

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