

## ***Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000***

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 14 September 2018.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

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

• **Is smoking banned throughout the site?**

Yes

• **Is smoking banned in the car park?**

Yes

• **Is smoking banned in private vehicles while on site?**

Yes

• **Is smoking permitted anywhere on site?**

No

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

No

• **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?**

1<sup>st</sup> October 2017

**(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:**

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

• **Permit designated smoking areas or install designated smoking shelters**

No. All smoking shelters have been removed and smoking is not permitted anywhere on the Trust site. All visitors, patients and staff must leave the hospital grounds if they wish to smoke.

**(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?**

Vaping and the use of e-cigarettes is currently banned throughout the hospital site.

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

The Trust will continue to keep the use of vapes and e-cigarettes under review.

**(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.**

There is extensive signage across the hospital site indicating that the site is smoke free.

**(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?**

The Trust has received 7 smoking related informal complaints from members of the public since the start of 2018. No formal complaints have been received in that period.

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Yours sincerely,  
Freedom Of Information Co-ordinator  
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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