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## Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

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Hope this finds you well - 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?

**The trust has had a smoke free policy in place since 31st May 2019, therefore smoking is not permitted within any area of Doncaster Royal Infirmary, Bassetlaw Hospital and Montagu Hospital grounds.**

**All smokers who are admitted as patients are advised that the site is smokefree and as part of their hospital care and treatment offered nicotine replacement therapy and referred to local stop smoking services.**

**Patients and visitors choosing to smoke on site are challenged by hospital staff and the security team. They are advised they can no longer smoke on site and offered advice and guidance.**

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?

**There are no plans to fine people disobeying the ban but offer guidance and support.**

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?

**Currently all smokers who are admitted as patients are advised that the site is smokefree and as part of their hospital care and treatment offered nicotine replacement therapy and referral to local stop smoking services.**

**The trust will implement the QUIT programme in 2020 across the hospital sites, in partnership with South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw ICS.**

**QUIT will be part of our routine care for all patients who smoke and is a comprehensive tobacco treatment programme. Clinical teams will systematically identify smokers on admission to hospital and offer brief advice and nicotine replacement therapy. Specialist tobacco treatment advisors based in the hospital will be notified of and see all smokers while they are in hospital. Smokers will have ongoing specialist support and medications once they leave hospital. See above regarding current practice and introduction of the QUIT programme. Nicotine replacement therapy is free of charge.**

**As part of the QUIT programme staff will also receive on site smoking cessation support and access to nicotine replacement therapy.**

**This data is to be used as part of a study into how different NHS trusts look to address the issue of smoking on hospital/other medical premises and how strict the consequences are per each individual trust.**