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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4307**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 02nd April 2020.

Your request was as follows:

How does your Trust plans to enforce the new smoking ban on hospital grounds once it takes effect in April?

[The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust has had a no smoking ban for the last 12 years, this applies to being on site and within the buildings also.](#)

For those caught disobeying the ban, if they are to be fined as a result, how much exactly would they have to pay out?

[We do not fine currently but follow the potential of possible discipline.](#)

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?

[The Trust can sign post patients and staff and Occupational Health Services will support staff. Currently we have a dedicated line for smokers to contact with external help. Purchase of e cigarettes is supported by the smoking cessation we use.](#)

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

**Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4307 in any future communications.**

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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