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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

I would like to please request the following information relating to smoking enforcement on or around hospital grounds.

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?**

[Please refer to the attached Excel document entitled "FOI 26-437 Responses".](#)

- 2) What was the total monetary value of these fines?**

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

[Please refer to the attached Excel document entitled "FOI 26-437 Responses".](#)

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

[Please refer to the attached Excel document entitled "FOI 26-437 Responses".](#)

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

[Please refer to the attached Excel document entitled "FOI 26-437 Responses".](#)

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

Please refer to the attached Excel document entitled "FOI 26-437 Responses".

7) Does your organisation enforce a smoke-free perimeter or exclusion zone around hospital entrances or buildings?

If yes:

a) What is the required distance?

b) When was the policy introduced?

Please refer to the attached Excel document entitled "FOI 26-437 Responses".

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

Freedom of Information (FOI) Team
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Question		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?	0	0	0	0
2	What was the total monetary value of these fines?	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
3	How many of these fines remain unpaid (if recorded)?	0	0	0	0
4	How many formal warnings relating to smoking on or near hospital grounds were issued?	0	0	0	0
6	How many formal complaints has your NHS Board / Trust received?	0	0	0	1

5 What is the current policy regarding smoking on or near hospital grounds within your NHS Board / Trust / local authority area?
East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT) is a smoke-free Trust. Our website (www.esht.nhs.uk) states "***Smoking, vaping or using e-cigarettes is not allowed anywhere on any Trust site, including in outside areas or in vehicles, to protect the health of the people using and working in our services. Smoking is also prohibited in private vehicles while on Trust property. Our smoke-free policy applies to all patients, visitors, staff, volunteers and contractors***". Additionally, our smoke-free policy is displayed on signage around ESHT sites and ESHT also has an internal policy in place entitled "Smokefree Policy - Change The Air at ESHT".

7 Does your organisation enforce a smoke-free perimeter or exclusion zone around hospital entrances or buildings?
[Yes](#)

7a If yes, what is the required distance?
[Please refer to our response at Question 5.](#)

7b If yes, when was the policy introduced?
[ESHT became a smoke free Trust from 1 April 2022.](#)