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Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 8 June 2026, regarding smoking enforcement and fines on hospital grounds. We have processed your request in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Under the FOIA, public authorities like ours are required to respond to requests for information within 20 working days. In response to your request, I can confirm that we do not hold the information requested.

Details of your request:

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 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

1. How many fixed penalty notices (FPNs) related to smoking on or near hospital grounds have been issued by your organisation?
2. What was the total monetary value of these fines?
3. How many of these fines remain unpaid (if recorded)?
4. How many formal warnings relating to smoking on or near hospital grounds were issued?
5. What is the current policy regarding smoking on or near hospital grounds within your NHS Board / Trust / local authority area?
6. How many formal complaints has your NHS Board / Trust received?
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?

Our response to your request:

The ICB does not hold this information.

The Integrated Care Board (ICB) is responsible for commissioning healthcare services within the local area. This means that the ICB plans, funds, and oversees the delivery of healthcare services but does not directly provide healthcare services to patients and does not own, manage, or operate hospital premises.

The information requested relates to the operational management of hospital sites, including smoking enforcement activity, fixed penalty notices, warnings, complaints, and site-specific smoking policies. These records are held by the NHS provider organisations responsible for managing the relevant hospital grounds.

You may wish to contact the individual healthcare providers directly to request this information. Information on how to submit a Freedom of Information request to each provider can be found on their respective website links below:

- Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust - <https://www.nuh.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information>
- Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - <https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information/foi-request-form/>
- Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - <https://www.dbth.nhs.uk/contact/freedom-of-information/>
- Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust - <https://www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/c-freedom-of-information>

If you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) has an internal review procedure through which you can raise any concerns you might have. Further details of this procedure can be obtained by contacting Lucy Branson, Director of Corporate Governance and Assurance via lucy.branson@nhs.net or by writing to FOI Team at NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB, Sir John Robinson House, Sir John Robinson Way, Arnold, Daybrook, Nottingham NG5 6DA.

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), who will consider whether the organisation has complied with its obligations under the Act and can require the organisation to remedy any problems. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/>.

Complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office should be sent to:

FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 123 1113 or report a concern via <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>.

Yours sincerely

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