

21 March 2017

Our Ref: RFI 19792

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to the Enforcement of a Smoke Free Trust**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for the information relating to the above which you requested on 7 March 2017.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by Human Resources & Corporate Affairs Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

Under the terms of the legislation, if you are unhappy with this response you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. If you wish to do so, please write to me at the address below.

If after such a review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

**L McAree (Miss)
Head of Information Governance &
Directorate Support**

Re: Smoking on site, for period from your trust area went smoke free to now is enforcement action ongoing?

Q1. *Is enforcement Action ongoing?*

A1. Yes, through verbal challenge.

Q2. *What form of enforcement action is actively in place?*

Q3. *Is the No Smoking Policy on all HSC Trust Hospital sites being enforced?*

Q4. *How is the enforcement taking place?*

A2-4. All Trust staff have a responsibility to comply with Trust policy and challenge persons smoking on all our sites.

Q5. *How many instances of enforcement in all its forms has there been on hospital property since all sites went smoke free in your trust area?*

A5. I can confirm that the information requested is not recorded.

Q6. *How many fines have been issued?*

A6. The Trust does not issue fines and none have been issued to the Trust by the Council Officer on Trust property. Fines issued by the Council would relate to compliance with the Smoking (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.

Q7. *What is the total value of fines from the date your trust area went smoke free to most recently?*

A7. The Trust has not received any fines and does not issue fines.

Q8. *Have any staff members been disciplined or warnings issued for non compliance to the smoke free policy? If so How many, and to what level of disciplinary action was taken?*

A8. I can confirm that the information requested is not recorded.