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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 31st August 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding an E-cigarette policy survey

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 I am contacting you to find out whether it would be possible to share information about your NHS Trust smoking policy.

We are conducting a survey of smoking and e-cigarette use policies as part of a collaborative programme of research with the [REDACTED], looking at behaviour change in relation to food, alcohol and tobacco consumption. We are interested in comparing smoking and e-cigarette use policies in NHS Trusts and Higher Education Institutions in England to inform future field studies designed to generate evidence on the impact of different policies on vaping and smoking in outdoor spaces.

We are collating information from online organisational policies and, if possible, I was hoping to clarify a few details with you about UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS OF NORTH MIDLANDS NHS TRUST policy. In particular, we are interested in the following:

- **Is smoking and / or vaping allowed inside any buildings?**
- **Is smoking and / or vaping allowed directly outside any buildings (including details of exclusion zones)?**
- **Is smoking and / or vaping allowed in any other outside spaces?**
- **Are there designated spaces for smoking and / or vaping?**
- **Is there one policy for smoking and vaping or are there separate policies?**
- **Is there any variation in these policies across different sites?**

I would be very grateful if you could provide information for any / all of these questions.

A1 Please see below: Please note that University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) is a “no smoking” site and that outside the smoking shelters, smoking is prohibited

Is smoking and / or vaping allowed inside any	No
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Is smoking and / or vaping allowed directly outside any buildings (including details of exclusion zones)?	No
Is smoking and / or vaping allowed in any other outside spaces?	No
Are there designated spaces for smoking and / or vaping?	Yes
Is there one policy for smoking and vaping or are there separate policies?	One policy
Is there any variation in these policies across different sites?	No

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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