

Our no smoking policy – information for you

From 6am on March 26, 2006, smoking will no longer be allowed in the Golden Jubilee National Hospital.

Why are we changing?

As you will be aware, new legislation will come into force on 26 March 2006 to introduce a ban on smoking in public places. The Smoking, Health and Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005 - creates four offences:

- It is an offence to smoke in no smoking premises.
- It is an offence to permit others to smoke in no smoking premises.
- It is an offence not to display appropriate signage.
- It is an offence not to co-operate with the Enforcing Officers.

West Dunbartonshire Council enforcing officers can prosecute anyone who doesn't comply with the Act.

As an NHS employer we have a responsibility to promote health improvement and by providing a smoke-free environment, it is for the benefit of all patients, guests, staff, visitors and contractors. Also as a provider of health care services our aim is to improve people's health.

Where does it apply?

- All premises/buildings
- Vehicles used for NHS business e.g. patient transport, lease cars and vans.
- The hospital grounds.

Clear signs explaining our smoke free policy is on display within the building.

Who does this apply to?

It applies to:

- All NHS Golden Jubilee National Hospital employees.
- Contractors, students, voluntary staff and personnel with honorary contracts
- All patients, including outpatients, day patients and inpatients
- All visitors/guests or people whose work, study or personal circumstances bring them into the hospital.

How can we help?

We know that the no smoking policy may have an impact on smokers. Coming into hospital may present you with an ideal opportunity to stop smoking and we are committed to providing practical help, support and advice to those who wish to take advantage of this opportunity.

However, in most circumstances, you should seek support from your General Practitioner (GP) before admission.

Other useful contacts include:

Smoking concerns

Tel 0141 201 9825

Web www.smokingconcerns.com

Starting Fresh

Pharmacy programme

Tel (free): 0800 389 3210 (9am-9pm)

Web www.show.scot.nhs.uk/glasgowpharmacy

Smokeline

Tel (free 24 hour helpline): 0800 84 84 84

Breaching of the policy

Please do not breach our No Smoking Policy, as it will be taken very seriously. Our staff are trained on how to deal with people who breach the policy, but if you feel there is an issue about your ability not to smoke, please tell us.

If you want more information on our no smoking policy please contact the Information Governance Officer on 0141 951 5765