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I am responding to your request for information received 2nd April 2020. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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Information Governance Coordinator

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Request:

Question 1. Firstly, could you please tell me how your Trust plans to enforce the new smoking ban on hospital grounds once it takes effect in April?

Answer: The Trust has been smoke free since January 2017.

Question 2. Secondly, for those caught disobeying the ban, if they are to be fined as a result, how much exactly would they have to pay out?

Answer: The Trust does not impose fines for disobeying the smoking ban.

Question 3. Thirdly, does your trust currently offer any on-site smoking cessation methods to encourage people to quit or seek an alternative to traditional cigarettes (such as e-cigarettes)? Would these also have to be purchased or would they be distributed free of charge?

Answer: The Trust has three in-house stop smoking advisors; one for Forensics and Hackney, one for Bedfordshire and Luton and one for Tower Hamlets and Newham. The Trust offers nicotine-replacement therapies as well as gum preparations and both varenicline and bupropion. The Trust positively encourages the use of e-cigarettes and these would need to be purchased by service users.