

AdvoCard Smoke-Free Policy

Purpose

This policy has been developed to protect all employees, service users, customers and visitors from exposure to second-hand smoke and to assist compliance with the Smoking, health and Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005.

Exposure to second-hand smoke, also known as passive smoking, increases the risk of lung cancer, heart disease and other illnesses. Ventilation or separating smokers and non-smokers within the same airspace does not stop potentially dangerous exposure.

Policy

It is the policy of AdvoCard that all of our workplaces are smoke-free and all employees have a right to work in a smoke free environment. Smoking is prohibited throughout the entire workplace with no exceptions. This includes company vehicles. This policy applies to all employees, consultants, contractors, customers or members and visitors.

Implementation

Overall responsibility for policy implementation and review rests with the Director.

All staff are obliged to adhere to, and facilitate the implementation of the policy.

The person named above shall inform all existing employees, consultants and contractors of the policy and their role in the implementation and monitoring of the policy. They'll also have to give all new personnel a copy of the policy on recruitment/induction.

Appropriate 'No Smoking' signs will be clearly displayed at the entrances to and within the premises.

Non-compliance

Local disciplinary procedures should be followed if a member of staff

does not comply with this policy. The procedures set out on page 12 of the booklet 'Helping to get your business or organisation ready for the new law on smoking' should be followed if a customer, visitor or passenger does not comply. Those who do not comply with the smoking law are also liable to a fixed penalty fine and possible criminal prosecution.

Help to stop smoking

Support for smokers who want to stop

Sources of support are; smokeline 0800 848484,

www.hebs.com/tobacco, the Public Health Department of your local NHS board, or your local GP surgery. Contact details can be found in your local directory.

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