

Draft Smoke-free Regulations 2007 – E-Consultation on-line response

Response from Marie Curie Cancer

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Q5a: Being a Cancer Charity (Marie Curie Cancer Care) we have introduced a total no smoking policy.

No Smoking Policy

MCCB/CL040

Policy Statement

This policy sets out to reduce the health risks to employees, visitors and patients through the introduction of a total ban on smoking, within the premises and grounds of the Marie Curie Hospice Belfast.

Introduction

Marie Curie Cancer Care is a cancer charity. There is overwhelming evidence that tobacco is a cause of cancer. Marie Curie Cancer Care is therefore opposed to the manufacture, sale and consumption of tobacco.

The Charity has considered its responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 together with the increasing research on the subject of passive smoking and acknowledges that passive smoking may represent a health risk to its employees, particularly those who are pregnant or suffering from respiratory complaints. The Charity will therefore employ every means possible to protect its employees from the effects of passive smoking while also bearing in mind the needs of its patients.

Aim and Scope

Marie Curie Hospice Belfast operates a NO SMOKING policy for all staff and visitors and patients within all areas of the building and grounds.

This no smoking policy applies to all staff, visitors and patients on all hospice premises – both inside and outside. No smoking is permitted in any of the buildings, entrances and grounds – including the gardens and car park.

Smoking is not permitted for patients as there is no designated smoke room.

Disciplinary action may be taken against any employee who does not adhere to the agreed policy.

Staff Responsibilities

Heads of Departments - To ensure all staff and volunteers and visitors and patients are aware of the NO SMOKING policy

(Smoking Policy Flow Chart)

In order to ensure that non-smokers are protected as far as possible from the discomfort of cigarette smoke, the Hospice and all buildings within the estate are non-smoking environments.

All patients, visitors, staff, volunteers or contractors will be expected to comply with the no smoking/passive smoking policy.

For Marie Curie Nurses working in patients' homes, a risk assessment will be carried out by a district nurse prior to a referral being made to Marie Curie Nursing Service. Information relating to the presence of any smokers in the patient's home will be passed on to the nurse before she/he visits the patient's house for the first time.

Any Marie Curie Nurse suffering from any respiratory complaints e.g. asthma, should discuss any health concerns they have regarding smoky atmospheres with the Team Manager or Area Nurse Manager.

References:

Health and Safety Policy and Guide

Flowcharts:

(Smoking Policy Flow Chart)

Document History

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Approvals & Authorisations

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Revision	Change Ref.	Date	
1	-	12/1/04	New Procedure
2	TBA	5/1/05	Update procedure to include hyperlinked Table of Contents. Correct minor typographical errors/omissions
3	TBA	TBA	Procedure reviewed & updated to include information on 'How to Quit' & new NI anti-smoking legislation
4	TBA	24/11/05	Reviewed and updated.
5	TBA	01/12/05	Reviewed and updated
6	TBA	16/02.06	Reviewed and updated.
7	TBA	12/06/06	Revised and updated.

Help to Quit Smoking for Staff

Marie Curie Hospice Belfast will provide advice and support to help staff and inpatients who wish to give up smoking.

How to give up smoking

If you have struggled to give up smoking on your own, you can ask your general practitioner or other surgery staff for advice. Some surgeries run their own smoking-cessation groups, and they should have information about local support groups and practitioners.

Smokers Helpline Tel: 0800 85 85 85

Smokers can call the helpline any day between 12 noon and 10pm. Calls are free and the staff are trained to provide friendly help and advice to smokers who want to stop.

Quitline Tel: 0800 002 200

This is a national telephone helpline for smokers who need advice or help in stopping. The lines are open 24-hours a day providing information and advice from trained staff, or a recorded message.

Smoking Cessation Co-ordinators

The smoking cessation co-ordinator in your local Health and Social Services Board area can provide details of specialist smoking cessation services available.

Eastern Health Board Area 028 9055 3963

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