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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference:
Investment in smoking cessation training for medical personnel

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
1. Does the trust provide access to, or cover the cost of, any regular external training related to the latest smoking cessation best practice for doctors, nurses, clinicians and other medical personnel?	Yes - The trust has access to the National centre for smoking cessation and training website.			
2. Does the trust deliver any regular in-house training related to the latest smoking cessation best practice for doctors, nurses, clinicians and other medical personnel?	Yes - regular training is provided to those who may deal with a patients smoking on a regular basis. For other members of staff, adhoc training is provided through teaching/training days or when individual members of staff request bespoke training for their area.			
3. Please confirm how often relevant medical personnel are expected/required to refresh their training on smoking cessation support.	All relevant staff are required to update their training with every new module released by the national centre for smoking cessation and training, or when a new treatment option is announced.			
4. Does the trust deliver any training/guidance for medical personnel on the following smoking cessation tools/interventions?	Yes. All ward staff have mandatory training on at least 3 forms of Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) used on ward, Patches, Gum and Inhalator. Training is also			

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicotine gums • Nicotine patches • Tablets, oral strips and lozenges • Nasal and mouth sprays • Vaping products 	<p>delivered, ad hoc, to medics and other staff that request it, on all forms of NRT. Advice and myth busting around vaping is delivered to all tobacco dependency staff and they deliver that knowledge, ad hoc, while on wards. Staff are currently being trained in the use of Cytisine and Varenicline now they are both available to prescribe.</p>			
<p>5. Does the trust operate or support any stop smoking services?</p>	<p>Yes - The trust operates its own in-house tobacco dependency service and also works in partnership with community providers post discharge.</p>			
<p>6. If answered 'yes' to the above, please provide detail of the total funding for the stop smoking service/services for the periods:</p>	<p>The question is incomplete and cannot be answered with any accuracy as no dates for funding are referred to.</p>			
<p>7. What is the trust's policy on recommending vaping products as a tool to help adults cut down on or quit smoking?</p>		<p>Yes</p>	<p>Section 21</p>	<p>Section 21 exempts information that is reasonably accessible to you by other means. The information you require is available here: https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/media/15938/smokefree-policy.pdf</p>

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

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Yours faithfully

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