

The journey to a Smokefree Hospital

Why we're here



To protect everyone from harmful tobacco smoke



To help smokers quit with the right support



To provide access to effective treatments.

Why it matters:

3,900

smoking-related deaths each year in Greater Manchester

24,000

hospital admissions due to smoking-related illnesses

80%

Smoking causes over 80% of lung cancer cases

and **20%** of all cancers

284,000

adult smokers in Greater Manchester

Coordination

Smokefree Steering Group

Set up a team to lead the hospital's smokefree policy and support services. Include senior leaders and staff from different areas to ensure everyone is involved.

↓ [Steering Group Terms of Reference](#)

Smokefree Policy

Create a clear policy that bans smoking on hospital grounds (indoors and outdoors). Include guidance on where vaping is allowed to support smokers and help them stay smokefree.

↓ [Smokefree Policy template](#)

Implementation plan

Develop a plan to raise awareness, offer support, and monitor the policy. Recruit smokefree champions to help enforce the policy and make changes to the hospital environment.

↓ [Smokefree Policy Implementation template](#)

Communication

Public-facing communications

Share posters, leaflets, social media posts, and signage that has been co-designed with patients, service users and healthcare professionals.

↓ [Smokefree communications](#)

Smokefree training

Train staff to confidently promote and support the Smokefree Policy. Use resources like this roadmap or the Smokefree Hospital slides to help onboard staff.

🔗 [The National Centre for Smoking Cessation and Training \(NCSCCT\) online](#)

Championing

Support services

Offer help for patients, staff, and visitors who smoke. Connect them to the onsite Treating Tobacco Dependency service, as well as the Smoke Free app, and provide vaping starter kits.

↓ [Smokefree Support Services](#)

Monitoring and progress

Regularly review how well the policy is working. Use the Smokefree Steering Group to track progress and check against the hospital's Treating Tobacco Dependency key performance indicators (KPIs).

↓ [Treating Tobacco Dependency KPIs](#)

Check-ins

Gather feedback from staff and patients to make sure they have the support they need. Review and update the policy annually.