

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_331_21

You asked:

Since 1 March 2021, hospital grounds in Wales have been required to be smoke-free. This is in addition to the hospital buildings (the enclosed and substantially enclosed areas of the hospital) which are currently required to be smoke-free.

Failure to comply with the law is now an offense. Please can you provide information on the following:

1. How many people have been fined/prosecuted for smoking on hospital grounds in your Health Board, since 1 March 2021.

At the date of writing, no persons have been fined for smoking on Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board sites.

2. Who within the Hospital setting is responsible for enforcing and upholding this law.

Within Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board, our Head of Health, Safety and Fire has responsibility for the implementation of the new legislation across its hospital sites. In each Hospital, local Facilities Security Teams are responsible for challenging smoking on its sites. This process has been in place since 2012 when the Health Board implemented a ban on smoking. Each Local Authority (Bridgend, Merthyr and Rhondda Cynon Taff) have powers under the legislation to issue fines or prosecutions. None have been issued to date.