

Our NHS trust policy

We ask our staff to assess whether any environment they enter is safe for them to provide their services. If a smoke free environment cannot be provided, a risk assessment will be required in order to reduce risk to a level that is as far as is reasonably practicable. We will support staff to leave an environment they deem to be unsafe. If necessary, you will be offered alternative treatment options.

Our Undertaking to you

All routine visits will be pre-booked and you will be given a time for the visit. If the staff member is delayed, you will be contacted as soon as possible

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Care

Smoking

Take Care of the
nurse who takes
care of you

Important information for people receiving home visits

Please consider the needs of our staff and provide them with a smoke free environment. Second-hand smoke, or passive smoking as it's sometimes called, has been found by the Government Scientific Committee on Tobacco and Health to be detrimental to people's health. It can cause:-

- heart disease
- stroke
- lung cancer in adults

Being exposed to second-hand smoke even for a short time can cause;

- eye irritation
- headache
- cough
- sore throat
- dizziness
- nausea

Employers have a duty in common law to take reasonable care to protect the health of employees.

Your NHS trust, is required by the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 to ensure that employees and others are not put at risk.

We therefore ask if you would do everything possible to provide a smoke free environment when our staff visit you in your home.

How to protect Staff from exposure to second-hand smoke

- Refrain from smoking inside the house for at least 1 hour before they arrive
- Open windows and doors to fully ventilate the area
- Try to keep one room smoke free at all times.

During the visit

- Do not smoke or let anyone else in the house smoke in the area
- Wherever possible, when the nurse is in the house, ask other smokers to go outside to smoke