

Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

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Subject

Smoking and mental health inpatient services

Details of enquiry

Please can you provide separate information for each of your hospitals/facilities providing mental health inpatient services:

- Is the hospital smokefree (i.e. does not allow smoking anywhere on hospital grounds) and, if yes, what date did this happen?
- How many patients/service users have absconded/gone AWOL while on leave for each separate calendar year since 2000 (or for each year you have information)?
- Of these, how many patients/service users have absconded/gone AWOL while on leave to have a cigarette or where the report mentions cigarettes for each separate calendar year since 2000 (or for each year you have information)?
- When looking at all incident reports (not just those in which a patient absconded), how many incident reports mentioned "smoking", "smoke", "cigarette" or "lighter" a) in 2017, b) in 2018 and c) in 2019?

Response Sent

Your request for information, as detailed in your email below, has now been considered in line with the requirements of the FOI Act 2000, and most of the information requested is considered to be not applicable to this Trust.

The Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust is a specialist mental health Trust which provides outpatient psychotherapy services only. The Trust has no inpatient facilities, and so any absconding on the part of patients does not apply to this Trust. Further, we do not provide facilities for smoking on Trust premises or Trust grounds.

The Trust does not hold data relating to when it became smoke free, however I can confirm that our current smoke free policy, (accessible via our website at the following link: [Smoke-free policy](#)) was published in May 2017, and an update is currently awaiting sign off and will soon be released and available there, via our website.