THE ADAM PRACTICE
PATIENT POLICY

Title: No Smoking Policy (Patients & Public)

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INTRODUCTION

Smoking in all enclosed / indoor public places and workplaces in the UK is illegal.
Prohibited areas include places which are “substantially” enclosed, such as in shelters, outdoor stadiums etc.

OVERVIEW OF THE LEGISLATION

Under the legislation, premises owners/occupiers are required to display a prominent 'No Smoking' sign.

Smoking within buildings or not in a designated area is prohibited. Any member of the public caught smoking in and around the practice premises will be asked to extinguish the cigarette (or whatever is being smoked) and asked to leave. Failure to do so will result in the incident being reported.

Local Authority Environmental Health Departments are responsible for enforcing the smoking ban.

PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURE

- The Practice displays ‘No Smoking’ notices which conform to the legislation on each entry door, in the waiting room, and in the publicly-accessible toilets
- Smoke alarms are fitted in public areas and toilets (to discourage illegal smoking)
- Patients found smoking will be requested to leave. Where difficulties arise the Police will be called without delay and without challenging the offender further
- Patients repeating the offence will be removed from the Practice list
- Electronic Cigarettes also form part of this ban and must not be used on practice premises, These Cigarette substitutes are not regulated and still emit a nicotine vapour by the user.