

Linacre College

Smoke Free Policy

PURPOSE

This policy has been developed to protect all members of College, service users, customers and visitors from exposure to secondhand smoke and to assist compliance with the Health Act 2006.

Exposure to secondhand smoke increases the risk of lung cancer, heart disease and other serious illnesses. Ventilation or separating smokers and non-smokers within the same airspace does not completely stop potentially dangerous exposure.

POLICY

It is the policy of Linacre College that all enclosed areas within each College building will be smoke free, this includes the use of replacement cigarettes (1) and that all members of College have a right to work and reside in a smoke free environment. Therefore, smoking is prohibited inside any college building both on and off the college site. This policy also applies to our College van. This policy applies to all College members, service users, customers and visitors and contractors.

IMPLEMENTATION

Overall responsibility for policy implementation and review rests with the Operations Manager. However all members of College are obliged to adhere to, and support the implementation of the policy. The person named above shall inform all existing College members, service users, customers and visitors and contractors of the policy and their role in the implementation and monitoring of the policy. The College will also make all new personnel aware of the policy on recruitment/induction and additionally advise new students of the policy which appears on the College website.

Appropriate 'no-smoking' signs will be clearly displayed at the entrances to and where appropriate within the premises of all college buildings, and in our smoke free van. Designated smoking areas will be provided and appropriately signposted. Their location will be periodically reviewed and continued suitability assessed.

NON- COMPLIANCE

Anyone who does not comply with the law will be committing a criminal offence. Those who do not comply with the smoke free law may also be liable to a fixed penalty fine and possible criminal prosecution. Additionally local councils will be responsible for enforcing the new law.

HELP TO STOP SMOKING

The NHS offers a range of free services to help smokers give up. Visit <https://www.nhs.uk/smokefree> (link is external)

Operations Manager

Simon Barker

(1) Replacement cigarettes include, but are not limited to E-cigarettes, personal vaporizers (PVs), and electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) are battery operated devices that mimic tobacco smoking.