

May I smoke anywhere else in the Hospice grounds?

Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice aims to ensure the health, safety and well being of all those who visit or work within the building and on the Hospice grounds. Therefore, we respectfully ask that you do not smoke anywhere other than in the designated smoking area.



Clodagh Sowton
Director of Patient Services

Your thoughts and comments are appreciated.
If you have anything you wish the Hospice management to know with regard to the contents of this leaflet please write to or ask to see
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Do I have to pay for services from the Hospice?

No, all services offered at the hospice are free. As a charity we are dependent on the local community for financial support. If you would like to make a donation to the Hospice please ask a member of staff or look on our website. We receive less than 16% of our funding from the NHS

Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice



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Information for patients and their visitors



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Since July 2007 the Hospice has become a smoke free environment, please help us to keep it this way.

Does this mean that patients and visitors may not smoke?

We recognise that patients who are smokers need to be able to smoke whilst at the Hospice. We also recognise that for visitors it can be a stressful time and that they also need to be able to smoke.

Where can we smoke?

In the grounds there is a smoking area at the end of the garden. Here you will find a seat, some shelter and a waste bin for the safe disposal of all rubbish and cigarette ends.

May patients go out there unassisted?

Yes if they are well enough to be left alone. Ideally patients should have another person with them. If they are on their own patient's must take a call alarm with them and inform the nurses if they are going to the smoking area.

What happens if a patient has no one to go with them?

In this instance a member of staff will be able to take the patient to the smoking area but they will not be able to stay with the patient, this is why the patient needs to be well enough to be left on their own.

What happens if the patient is not well enough?

The nursing and medical team will discuss this with you. Nicotine replacement therapy can be offered as a substitute.



May the patients go out to smoke at any time?

Yes during day light hours patients (if well enough) are welcome to use the smoking area with or without company.

Once it is dark it is not considered safe for a patient to be outside, on their own, and therefore it will not possible for you visit the smoking area unaccompanied

Visitors may continue to use the smoking area after it is dark.

Who maintains the smoking area?

Our volunteer gardeners have kindly offered to keep smoking area tidy and to empty the waste bin.

How can we help?

Patients and their visitors can help by keeping the area free of rubbish, putting any chairs back to where they may be borrowed from and by ensuring cigarette ends are not 'stubbed – out' on the ground or in the garden and left there.

