

Currie Community Centre

Smoke-Free Policy

Purpose

This policy has been developed to protect all employees, service users, customers and visitors from exposure to second-hand smoke and to assist compliance with the Smoking, Health and Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005.

Exposure to second-hand smoke, also known as passive smoking, increases the risk of lung cancer, heart disease and other illnesses. Ventilation or separating smokers and non-smokers within the same airspace does not completely stop potentially dangerous exposure. It is also the purpose of this policy to marginalise the practice of smoking, so that not smoking becomes the norm. To this end, use of e-cigarettes is also banned from these premises.

Policy

It is the policy of Currie Community Centre that our premises are smoke-free and all employees, visitors and users of the premises have a right to a smoke-free environment. Smoking is prohibited throughout the entire premises with no exceptions. This policy applies to all employees, consultants, contractors, customers or members and visitors. Employees and users of the premises (but not people passing through the grounds) may smoke on the grassy area at the back of the building, not within 5 metres of any fire exit (open or closed).

Implementation

Overall responsibility for policy implementation and review rests with the Committee of Management. All staff, visitors and users of the premises are obliged to adhere to and facilitate the implementation of the policy.

The Committee shall inform all employees, consultants and contractors of the policy and their role in the implementation and monitoring of the policy and give all new personnel a copy of the policy on recruitment/induction.

Appropriate 'No smoking' signs will be clearly displayed at the entrances to and within the premises.

In the event of non-compliance, reference should be made to the person responsible for an activity or to any member of the Committee of Management, who shall have the power to require the person offending to leave the premises.

Help to Stop Smoking

Sources of support are:

www.nhsinform.scot/healthy-living/how-to-stop-smoking

Quit Your Way Scotland 0800 848484,
and NHS Lothian, or your local GP surgery.