

SMOKING AND HOME VISITS “A SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT”

The State Hospital has a legal duty to protect their staff from exposure to second hand smoke. This duty extends to any home environment visited by staff members for work purposes.

We therefore respectfully request that you assist us, in protecting both our staff and patients from the harmful effects of smoking and smoking related products by:

- Ensuring that a minimum of **1 hour** has elapsed after the last cigarette/electronic smoking device has been smoked, prior to the anticipated arrival time, to create a smoke free environment.
- Ventilating the room before the visit (e.g. by opening a window or door).
- Not allowing anyone to smoke / use electronic smoking devices in your home whilst a State Hospital visit is taking place.

Staff have the right to request that you do not smoke during the time they are with you and may terminate the visit should they feel their health and that of the patient, are at risk.

The State Hospital is committed to supporting the health and safety of its staff and improving the health needs of our patients therefore we would appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

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