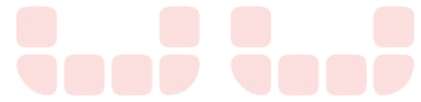


North Metro Area Health Service Smoke Free Site – QEII Medical Centre Staff Survey Analysis Report

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Introduction

A survey of the QEII Medical Centre staff (Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, PathWest and Site Users) was conducted in August 2006. The purpose of the survey was to consult with staff and collate the information to design and implement strategies to achieve a smoke-free site for both staff and visitors by 1 January 2007 and patients by 1 July 2007. This is in accordance with government policy and to the occupational Safety and Health legislation.

Questionnaire were distributed to SCGH and PathWest staff (total 6200) by attaching to payslips. The questionnaire to other site users was sent out by e-mail by the QEII MC Trust Finance and Business Officer.

Total number of respondents	= 864
Smoker	= 74 (8.5 %)
Ex-Smokers	= 169 (19.5 %)
Non-smokers	= 621 (72 %)

Q1. Employer

Table 1 shows that significant numbers of respondents were employed by SCGH followed by PathWest. Response from other site users was low this maybe due to the fact the questionnaire was e-mailed after the closing date.

Table 1

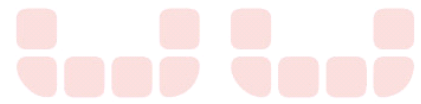
Employer	Smokers (74)	Ex-Smoker (169)	Non-Smoker (621)
SCGH	62 (84%)	132 (77%)	498 (80%)
PathWest	10 (14%)	30 (18%)	110 (18%)
Lions Eye	1	1	3
UWA	-	3	5
Population Health		1	4
Unknow/others	1	2	1

Q2. Gender

Table 2 below shows that significant numbers of respondents were females.

Table 2

Gender	Smokers (74)	Ex-Smoker (169)	Non-Smoker (621)
Female	59 (80%)	125 (74%)	476 (77%)
Male	14 (19%)	44 (26%)	145 (23%)



Q3. Does your employer have a policy that relates to smoking on site

Table 3 below shows that a significant number of respondents were aware of the existence of a policy relation to smoking.

Table 3

	Smokers (74)	Ex-Smoker (169)	Non-Smoker (621)
Yes	53 (72%)	118 (70%)	437 (71%)
No	7 (9%)	6 (4%)	14 (2%)
Don't know	12 (16%)	43	156 (25%)
Not completed	2 (3%)	2 (1%)	14 (2%)

Q4. Age Range

Table 4 below shows the predominant age range of the respondent is between 30 – 59 for smokers and ex-smokers and 20-69 for non-smokers

Table 4

Age range	< 20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	> 70
Smokers (74)	1	7 (9%)	22 (31%)	21 (28%)	14(19%)	7(9%)	0
Ex-smokers (169)	0	12 (7%)	30 (18%)	57(33%)	54 (32%)	11 (7%)	1
Non-Smoker (621)	2	115 (19%)	141(23%)	165 (26%)	144 (23%)	36(8%)	0

Q5 Further analysis of the 74 smoker's response to Q5 was carried out to ascertain if smokers wanted to give up, cut down or don't want to give up. (Attachment 1)

Table 5

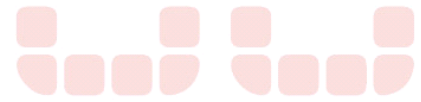
	Not completed	Want to give up	Want to cut down	Doesn't want to give up	Sometimes smoke
Numbers (%)	1 (1%)	30 (41%)	12 (16%)	30 (41%)	1 (1%)

Of the 74 smokers who responded 30 (41%) wanted to give up and 30 (41%) did not want to. This has implications for the number of staff who like assistance from their employers to give up smoking and the resources required.

Q5.1 Provided answers to respondents who were ex-smokers to the question "how long it was since they last smoked". Total of 169 of the respondents were ex-smokers

Table 5.1

	Not completed	< 1	1-5yrs	6-10yrs	11-20yrs	21-30yrs	>30yrs
Number (%)	4	17 (10%)	43 (26%)	22 (13%)	47 (29%)	31 (19%)	5 (3%)



Q6 Are you affected by second hand smoke at work?

Table 6

	Not complete	No	Yes
Ex-Smokers (169)	1	72 (43%)	96 (56%)
Non-Smokers (621)	3	268 (43%)	350 (57%)
Total 790	4	340 (43%)	446 (56%)

Of the 790 respondents (non-smokers and ex-smokers) 56% were affected by second smoke. See **attachment 2** for comments related to Question 6. Several comments related smoking in doorways, being requested to take patients out for a smoke. This has implications under the Occupational Safety and Health Act whereby staff are exposed to hazards in the workplace.

Q7 If you are an ex-smoker, are you prepared to assist in the quit-smoking program?

Table 7

Not completed	14
Yes	20
No	139

Staff who are prepared to assist will be contacted during the launch to be held between 23 –27 October 2006

Analysis of the remaining question relates to smokers only.

Q8 Do you smoke during working hours?

	Yes	No
Total respondents 74	56 (76%)	18 (24%)

Q9 Please indicate the most convenient designated smoking area to you

Table 9

Total respondents	74
D Block – Western Side Courtyard	4
C Block – South Western side of corridor	6
E Block – North Eastern Courtyard	5
E Block – Western Side	5
A Block – South Eastern Side	5
V Block – Between V & A Block	3
R Block – North Eastern side	3
W Block – Western Side	1
Q Block – North Eastern Corner of Block	3
L Block- Between L and M Block West	10 (10%)
G Block – Between G and J Block	30 (32%)
G Block – Between F and G Blocks	22 (23%)



Information provided to Question 9 would assist the Smoke-Free Party in reducing the designated smoking area from 15 to 7 by removing the areas least used. After January 2007 there will not be any designated smoking areas for staff only for patients until June 30 2007 when the QE 11 Medical Site will become smoke free.

Q10 Would you smoke less, or try to quit if you could not smoke during working hours?

Table 10

Total Respondents	74
Not completed	4
Yes	30 (41%)
No	38 (51%)
Don't know	2

Of the 74 respondents 51% indicated they would not quit if they could not smoke during working hours.

Q11 How would you manage if you could not smoke at all during work hours?

Table 11

Total respondents	74
Not completed	1
Very easy	12
Easy	10 (14%)
Difficult	20 (27%)
Very Difficult	31 (42%)

Of the 74 respondents 42% would find it very difficult to manage if not allowed to smoke during working hours and 27% difficult.

Q12 What would you do if you could not smoke during working hours?

Answers to the above question please see attachment 3

Q13 Would you use any assistance provided by your employer to quit smoking?

Table 13

Total respondents	74
Not completed	2
Yes	36 (49%)
No	32 (43%)
Maybe	4

Of the 74 respondents 49% would use any assistance provided by the employer.



Q14 What sort of help would you like?

Table 14

No answer	29 (39%)
Nicotine Replacement Gum	23 (31%)
Nicotine Replacement Patches	34 (46%)
Telephone Helpline	5
Workplace support groups	8
Off-site community groups	4
Other	9

Of the 74 respondents 39% did not answer Q14. 46% would like nicotine replacement patches and 23% nicotine replacement gums. This information will be used to provide appropriate assistance to smokers who wish to give up smoking. Further information will be collected during the launch week 23 -27 October

Q15 Indicate preferred day and time for workplace support group?

Smokers requesting assistance in the form of workplace support group will be requested to register during the launch week October 23 – 27th and 30/10 -3rd/11 2006. Those registered will be asked again regarding a suitable time and day.

Q16 Would you be willing to pay to attend the group?

Table 16

Total respondents	74
Not completed	18 (24%)
Yes	7 (9%)
No	49 (66%)

Table 16 shows that 66% would not pay to attend workplace quit groups. To help staff who wish to give up smoking by attending a workplace group the employer would be required to fund it. Funding has been approved via Hospital Executive Committee to provide on site Fresh Start Quit program to be facilitated by ITIM, Hospitals' Employee Assistance Program providers.

Summary

Significant number of responses was from non-smokers (72%), who strongly objected to being subjected to passive smoke (attachment 2- comments). The employer has a duty of care to ensure staff are not subjected to hazards at work, such as tobacco smoke.

Information from Q9 will assist in reducing the number of designated smoking area by eliminating areas not used. From the 1st January 2007 all the designated smoking areas for staff and visitors will be removed and only patient's smoking area will remain until 30 June 2007, when these will be removed, as the QE II Medical Centre will become smoke free. Information from Q14 will assist in providing the appropriate support and assistance to staff to give up smoking.



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You may be aware that in order to comply with government policy the QEII site is shortly to become smoke free. The purpose of this anonymous questionnaire, along with other information is to design and implement strategies to achieve a smoke-free site for both staff and visitors.

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Please ✓ tick the appropriate boxes

1. Which employer on the QEII Medical Centre do you work for (eg SCGH, PathCentre, ANMRI etc)

Employer _____ Department (Optional) _____

2. I am:

- Male
- Female

3. Does your employer have a policy that relates to smoking on-site?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

4. Age range: under 20; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60-69; over 70

5. Which of the following best describes you? ✓ Tick one

- A non-smoker
- An ex-smoker. How long is it since you last smoked? _____
- A smoker who wants to give up
- A smoker who wants to cut down
- A smoker who doesn't want to give up

6. Are you affected by second hand smoke at work? (eg at doorways, smoke entering buildings, instructed to take patient out to smoke etc.)

- No
- Yes, please provide details _____

7. If you are an ex-smoker, are you prepared to assist in the quit –smoking program?

- Yes Please provide name _____ Contact number _____
- No

Non-smokers you have now completed the questionnaire. Thank you
Questions 8-16 are for **smokers only**

8. Do you smoke during working hours?

- Yes
- No



9. As part of the move towards a smoke free site the number of designated smoking areas is to be reduced. Please indicate the most convenient designated smoking area to you (see attached map).

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1) D Block Western Side Courtyard | <input type="checkbox"/> 7) R Block – Northern side |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2) C Block – South West side of corridor | <input type="checkbox"/> 8) W Block – Western side |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3) E Block – North Eastern Courtyard | <input type="checkbox"/> 9) Q Block – North East Corner of Block |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4) E Block – Western side | <input type="checkbox"/> 10) L Block – Between L & M Block West |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5) A Block – South Eastern side | <input type="checkbox"/> 11) G Block – Between G and J Block |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6) V Block – Between V & A block | <input type="checkbox"/> 12) G Block – Between F and G Blocks |

10. Would you smoke less, or try to quit if you could not smoke during working hours?

- Yes
 No

11. How would you manage if you could not smoke at all during working hours? ✓ Tick one.

- Very easy
 Easy
 Difficult
 Very Difficult

12. What would you do if you could not smoke during working hours?

13. Would you use any assistance provided by your employer to quit smoking?

- Yes
 No

14. What sort of help would you like?

- Nicotine Replacement Gum
 Nicotine Replacement Patches
 Telephone Helpline
 Workplace support groups
 Off-site community courses
 Other, specify _____

15. Indicate the preferred day and time for a workplace support group.

Day: _____ **Time:** _____

16. Would you be willing to pay to attend the group?

- Yes
 No

Thank you for your participation. Results of the survey will be available in newsletters and OSH Dept notice board on Watling Street, near E Block entrance.



Attachment 2

EX SMOKERS –Q6 Are you affected by second hand smoke at work? And details
Yes, on people's person
Smoke smell comes into area? Via A/C – not sure
Pass by smokers outside building, when arrive at work and at lunch
From staff clothing when they return to work after one of numerous smoking 'breaks'
People smoking too close to workshop doorway and when raining, smoking in doorway
Smoking in doorways
Staff smoking in no smoking area of C16 outside the staff dining room
Tunnel into G block, smell of smoke, butt, rubbish
Entry to buildings, only to basement (ramps etc)
Smoke around entrances to building is BAD
In some areas "A" block entrance and designated area near lattice at "E" block
Standing in doorways
People smoke outside doors. There is nowhere to eat outside that I am aware of that is not taken over by smokers & cigarette butts
Doorways
Doors, entries to hospital
Entry points
I notice it and find the smell unpleasant
Staff & patients smoking outside open doorways – especially C block and having to take patients out to smoking areas then stay with them and return them to the ward
Smokers outside E block entry
Going outside for fresh air
Doorways, smoke areas, pathways, people walking to/from carpark, in carpark
Asthma
I believe if you want to smoke somewhere where people don't have to smell it – be considerate
Doorways
Home visits with smoker patients
Doorways, between buildings 12, 13, 5 E41
Smoking along the side of pathwest (near Micro) in the am
From smoking areas 3,11,12
Walking into hospital, in between buildings, charlie's garden alfresco area
I can't abide the smell of cigarette smoke, period
Severely sensitive i.e. asthma and migraine
Unpleasant odour, dangers of passive smoke
Smoking in toilets, doorways
Patients and some staff near emergency department doors are smoking
Visitors/patients smoking in doorways
Sometimes at doorways, in outside area between J & K block
Entering buildings



EX SMOKERS –Q6 Are you affected by second hand smoke at work? And details
Often people are smoking at the entrance to C Block – it is very unpleasant when I wait there for a lift
Airconditioning system blow out cigarette smoke, smoking area right outside where vents are located, not a good area to allow smoking E76
Running the gauntlet at ED entrance daily
Doorways
Co-workers reeking of smoke
All outside designated smoking areas smell of cigarette stench, very awful +++++
Entrance to G block – smokers
Outside both doors to F block and outside staff lounge door
Believe ALL hospitals should be smoke free zone
Doorways in garden areas-staff and patients/visitors
When patients sit just outside main SCGH entrance and when having to walk through the area most staff have their smoke
Front of G block reception
Entrance to G block and outside ED in seating areas outside take away cafes. Taking pts to 5 th floor – stinks – I refuse to take them E98
Patients requesting to be taken outside for cigarettes E100
Taking people out to smoke
Simply find the smell unpleasant when I am entering or leaving a building
Makes me fell sick in the stomach. Also makes my clothes smell just passing through main entrance
When entering buildings often visitors/patients are smoking at entrance next to Emergency
General passive smoke mostly from visitors smoking mostly from visitors smoking at main ED entrance
Entering doorways to staff room
Doorways
Courtyard and at front entrance where people hang around and smoke
Occasionally when entering or leaving the link between L & M block smokers smoke on the way into the doorway linking M & G block
Don't like it
Doorways
My office is near the exit to 5 th floor smoker courtyard. I often smell smoke E121
Smell at doorways
At entrance to hospital
Doorways, walkways outside, lower ground areas
Basement, entrance to ED, lifts from people smoking in basement
Second hand smoke, doorways, also do not like the smell
Also the untidiness of butts
Doorways and with patients
Many smoking patients are unhappy they cannot take pain medication IV pumps to smoking areas E135
Doorways coming into hospital sometimes



EX SMOKERS –Q6 Are you affected by second hand smoke at work? And details
Doorways
Near doorways, entrances to building, coffee shop
Doorways, taking patients to smoke E142
Often have to walk through a smoke screen at front of hospital – Yuk!!
Main entrance and outside ED entrance-nearly always someone smoking there as you come and go
On entering building, smokers stand right outside main entrance
Doorways-have to work through smoke to get inside
Pts and visitors at entrance to hospital and escorting patient out for a cigarette E150
Entering G block, exiting by walkway next to Pathwest
Smell of smoke entry at hospital
Walking into buildings – haze of smoke even at 0700. cigarette butts littering pavements. Foul smelling smokers. Patients demanding HAS and staff take time to escort them off. Nursing staff, NSA's taking additional breaks for cigarettes. E157
Please make entire facility smoke free, it can and should be done
Basement, smoking area G53
Had the option to say no to patient, but didn't like to
At doorways and the smell wafting in
Doorways, instructed to take pts for a smoke E162
It stinks
Taking phone messages for smokers who are outside indefinitely. Me, I have enough to do. It really stinks outside ED entrance E164
Patients and staff at doorways
Riding past OHCWA in the morning E167
Doorways present a terrible 1 st impression of hospital. I believe that there should be designated smoking rooms E169
Doorways to dining area C16
Find the smell offensive
A constant cloud of smoke day in day out by fellow workers in department and entrance of buildings
Also having to do all the work load!! I am a non smoker and back it 110%
If wanting to smoke, should be made to clock off and clock on. Dock pay
When sitting out for lunch and walking through some entrances
Doorways, particularly front entrance near ED
Coming through air conditioning vents – I really object to this, find it disgusting
Smell of cigarette smoke in stairway leading to my office. I often see ash in staircase D block 2 nd floor. Seems to be people in UWA research rooms
Entering doorways
Outside western and central door exits from M block
Smokey haze at front door
Doorways at lunch – asthma – greatly affects my health. Have had ambulance trip once and on medications 2x days for last over 15 years
People smoke outside in non-smoking areas whilst eating lunch. Also smoke enters building an ground floor through doorways and vents



EX SMOKERS –Q6 Are you affected by second hand smoke at work? And details
Doorways, outdoor lunch areas
People smoking outside doorways
Doorways/draft/smoke entering building
Smoke comes in from ground floor doors & up the stairwell from outside security
It is very noticeable when staff/patients smoke outside near entrances to building. This happens often.
Annoyed by smokers who congregate at Western end of entrance of E block
Colleague is a smoker and when I sit near him, the smell is noticeably bad. He smokes outside though
Entrance to G block, have asked smokers to move away from entrance
Area G block x 2 smell smoke on way to lunch or between G & E for work i.e. clinic and ward work
Staff walking into work. Staff smoking at work and coming back into work smelling of smoke
Doorways smoke entering building E & G block smoking areas
Smokers outside A/C vents in non-smoking area!! The smoke/smell is drawn into the laboratory
From carpark 3 to K block entrance people smoking and walking-very annoying when walking behind them
Having lunch outside and walking to carpark after work
Doorways, smoke entering buildings
Sometimes people smoke outside building where we go and sit down for lunch
Smelly, annoying and unpleasant
Walking to my car after work and when I'm having lunch outside on QEII grounds
Smokers smoking near entrances (ignoring signs stating hospital policy)
Hospital should be 100% smoke free
Courtyard where I eat my lunch has a small non smoking area, but often smokers using the area. Other pet hat is smokers are litterers – dropping butts on the ground. The place looks awful (N92)
People smoke outside our dept (OT) all the time, not nice
Walking to/from car park and during breaks, near doors and footpaths
2 nd hand smoke in patients home environment N92
Walking to main entrance, passive smoking. When trying to treat pts and they are outside smoking!!
When visiting other areas smoke/smell of smoke is a problem
Allocated smoking area right outside our food preparation and common room N95
Entrance doorways, in particular entrance near Chapel. Coming to/leaving work
Having a smoking courtyard on level 5 directly outside the respiratory HDU is unacceptable N96
Makes me feel unwell walking through doorways. Am considering pregnancy and do not think I should be exposed to any second hand smoke. Many patients return from smoking and reek of it while attending them N97
J block on northern side of building facing ED and southern side near patient entrance, also outside ED



EX SMOKERS –Q6 Are you affected by second hand smoke at work? And details
Staff smoke directly outside our dept and we have to walk through the clouds and smell of smoker regularly N99
Doorways, patients and visitors smoking at entrance to D & E, smokers at outside cafeteria E block
Outside the entrance to OT LG floor. Getting in the lift with a person who has just been smoking
There is a smoking area on our work floor and smoking areas where we walk and sit at lunch times
People smoking outside of A block as I arrive or leave work. Also outside G block. It is all disgusting considering this is a hospital
Hospital entrances, its disgusting – esp seeing staff smoke
At doorways when entering and exiting
Several exits I use have smokers nearby
Staff smoking in font of buildings eg A block
In the courtyard where I usually have my lunch
Smokers at link between A & E blocks and outside ED and A block main entry
Have to walk past the smokers congregating outside G block. I find the cig butts left all over the pavement and gardens outside G block disgusting I am also offended to see the cigarette butt holder a few feet from the entrance to the lung transplant unit
Bus stops, entrances and smoke entering air vents
In courtyards during lunch-time when smokers light up, even meters away. Numerous butts on ground.
Entrance to G block on Hospital Ave. Smokers courtyard 5 th floor
Fouling of outdoor and courtyard areas at QEII by smokers and cigarette rubbish left in those public areas
Smokers and cigarette butts by people on and around benches at A-Block Rose Garden during lunch
Main entrance G block
Walking into work along the path between J and G blocks
Outside OT dept
Smoke entering buildings
Front entrance of A block when waiting for transport lift
Walking into SCGH still find patients and staff smoke at doorways – patients go to smokers courtyards. I need to speak to them so I have to walk out and find them
Walking outside and being subjected to smoke in thorough fares and garden areas
People smoking at the entrance to E block at Hovea Lane
Smoke coming through air conditioning vents, doorways at times
Smoke can give me hayfever symptoms
Smokers standing too close to doorways walking to/from car park
Doorways/windows
Doorways exiting to car park
I don't like it!
Outside sliding door A block
Not on my on/from work but there are always smokers and smoke during the day –



EX SMOKERS –Q6 Are you affected by second hand smoke at work? And details
not enforced – particularly on lower ground outside OT and between G and M on ground floor. Many employees smell of smoke during the day. Very dab for patients who are trying to quit. This is a hospital – why allow smoking anywhere on site?
Patients who smell of smoke attend the clinics
Mostly patients smoking at entrances to hospital
When passing entry doors to G block and E block
Disagree strongly that there is smoking allowed near doorways and there is a garden area (level) that allows smoking
Smoke entering through open windows
Doorways
People finishing off fags at entrance on south side of K block central entrance
Smoking area outside C block (10)
Outside between J block and G block, ground floor, courtyards
Walking from car park in mornings (car park 4) and occasionally afternoons
When walking to and from carpark, smokers around basement G block. It is disgusting!
At outside doorways (main doors to buildings)
Minimally. Both of my parents were smokers. I do not like to breath it but I'm not offended by it
Next to J block reception, nurses and other hospital staff smoking in non-smoking areas where other staff are having lunch!! I have also seen some hospital staff smoking whilst working outside (maintenance and cleaning staff)
Doorways entering buildings. There are no areas with seating outside that is smokefree. Lunch has to be inside of exposed to smoke outside
When I enter and exit main blocks there are always people smoking. People should not be allowed to smoke anywhere onsite. This is a hospital for G sake. We are trying to save lives
Fed up with other staff smoking at main entrances of hospital and especially EDC venue
Passing smokers on way into work location on site
Visitors, patients right outside main entrance when you are about to come in or go out. How many unofficial smoke breaks have staff got??
Taking patients out to smoke, people smoking near doorways
Walking past pathology building from G block and carpark 2 (smokers sit outside building)
Only at front entrance when coming/going to/from work. I object to colleagues leaving the workplace for frequent cigarette breaks particularly on night duty. I object to any smoking at front entrances of the hospital
Patients smoking in doorways and blocking entrances with wheelchairs etc
Smoke at front door of hospital
Front entrance
All of the above, particularly at G block entrance
G block reception – people smoking outside doors as you enter
Near doorways, walkthroughs etc
Doorways, esp ED



EX SMOKERS –Q6 Are you affected by second hand smoke at work? And details
At doorways
Several times a week, at doorways
At emergency doors in E block – patients and relatives (mainly) gather to smoke despite the signs! – the signs are not clear enough
If drifts into the building via air conditioning and patients leaving door open, stings my eyes
Asthmatic
At G block entrance and emergency entrance there are people who smoke
Patients requests for being taken for a smoke
Very occasionally to escort a patient to 5 th floor smoking area and enter the hospital past smoke area 11
Entering G block reception with patients smoking in doorway
At doorways – by patients and relatives
Area 12 on map Shocking! Yuk!
Entry and exit areas lunch areas inside hospital
Leaving the reception door to go to buy my lunch, puts me off my appetite (smoking area outside)
At certain times eg break times such as lunch when walking through smoking areas
Slight constriction in breathing
Occasionally when passing by the “smokers” area
Blocked nose, cannot breathe
Lingering smells
Doorway and walking between buildings (F-G) outside window
While eating outside sometimes
Yippee about time!! Smokers using basement ramp and smoke drifts in. Have complained but it continues
While walking to and from Car park 3 (walk past smoking area 10 i.e. L block)
People coming back in the building after smoking outside
Near delivery lift in between J and M block
From doorway
Outside lifts
Walking to and from car park and at doorways
At doorways, walking behind people who are smoking, patients who smoke
At entrance to G block everyday – coming to and from work – main entrance and also many times/day near entry to my Dept. on L.G. Floor
E very nice to eat outside is filled with smokers – it’s disgusting
At entry to building. Smoke also comes through air vents from outside to work space inside
Pathways and on 5 th floor courtyard
People smoke around the non smoking area along the building and that affected me badly when I sit outside
Doorways
Front door at A block
Doorways, air conditioning vents



EX SMOKERS –Q6 Are you affected by second hand smoke at work? And details
Suffering from lung problems
Front entrance to G Block. People do not stand behind screen so smoke wafts out
Entering buildings
Have to walk through a cloud of smoke to get through G block main entrance frequently
At doorways
Doorways near Path Centre and often in basement level corridors – never know where it comes from though
Smokers outside Dept, the near dept. cars. Cars smell of smoke, also have to walk past smokers to go in/out of dept.
Smokers around buildings
It stinks
Walking in and out of buildings
Near outside doorways
When exiting E block to visit the rose garden – shocking!
All the time! Every exit and entrance someone is smoking
Entrance to hospital via chapel area
But only in the outside corridor between G block and J block
Pts loitering and rubbish butts +++++ outside main G block entrance and Emergency Dept. Looks and smells disgusting.
Occasionally walk past patient smoking outside main entrances
Lunch time, outside area in 2A area
Some entrances and I walk past the designated area, especially #4 and #11 on map
Pts/staff/visitors smoke right outside the entry doors to G block and I am forced to breathe in the smoke
Have to walk pass smoking zone
Doorways at the front of the hospital in G block
Patient often unavailable for treatment as out having a smoke and smoke at entrance to OT dept. Pts often smell directly after smoking
Patients unavailable for treatment when off ward smoking and patients STINK during treatments
Outside G block near door opposite radiology – lots of staff smoke there. People walk past that area constantly
Staff smelling of smoke and continuous smoke breaks
Doorways – ashtrays close to doors. Cigs left smouldering. Also all good outdoor chairs taken by smokers. People walk around smoking too.
Occasionally, outside doorways
Area smells of stale tobacco at designated areas
Behind F block (walkway to retail precinct) often occupied by smokers – patients/visitors/occ staff
When entering buildings
Home visits to patients who smoke, smoke when passing designated areas
Sometimes interview patients in smokers courtyard. Smell of smoke in lift is sometimes very strong – especially leaving 5 th floor



EX SMOKERS –Q6 Are you affected by second hand smoke at work? And details
People tend to smoke outside G block entrance rather than behind the smokers screen. Not a huge problem for me, but a concern for patients
Smoking area outside G block emergency, directly opposite our workshop entrance N368
Entering G block near J, designated smoking area 11 and down near mortuary ramp
I am asthmatic, also find it very unprofessional
Entrance to E block on Gairdner Ave side. Smokers sit too close to entrance
Taking path between rear of F block and entry to E block near takeaway counter
Patients smoking outside Hovea Lane entrance of E block, or cigarette smell on patients. N376
Doorways, entering buildings
No, but I find it offensive to have to walk through a group of smokers
Smell – ash damage to health
Smell, effecting health
Can't sit in some areas around the hospital because of smoke smell
Doorways, smoke entering building
Obnoxious
Doorways, along some pathways e.g. in front of A block
Area 12, outside pathways Hospital Ave. Outside back of F block. Outside café (staff of café)
Home visits, other members of staff coming in after smoking, doorways N392
Entering building doorways
Smoking at entry point to hospital
Smokers at doorways
Smokers returning have strong smell of cigarettes
Passages way below J block G block. When coming to work
Cigarette butt litter
Often have to walk past smokers at Hospital Main entrance – they should be moved along
Having to take patients to courtyard for smoke. Employees at entrance to buildings
Take patients out to smoke
Cannot enter a single entry without walking through a “smoke gauntlet”. Its so disgusting and always worsens my asthma
Entering and leaving hospital
Sometimes near doorways and in courtyards
When going on ward rounds I feel sick and dizzy after inhaling 2 nd hand smoke
Walking into work past the pathcentre. Using basement to get to bikes and walking through clouds of smoke. Getting into lifts and people reeking of smoke. Trying to contact staff on wards multiple times on a shift 0 they are out having a cigarette
Entering and exiting buildings
Always people smoking near exit and entry areas
Patient escorts
Entrance to the hospital
Patient's and general public smoking within several metres of main entrance



EX SMOKERS –Q6 Are you affected by second hand smoke at work? And details
Walking into G Block entrance near A and E – patients smoking
Close to entrance to F block and by walkway to post office by café
Outside building on entry and exit
In the entrance to G block frequently have smokers – relatives and patients smoking
Take patients out to smoke
Often on entering C Block and G Block
People smoke at the (near) entry that I enter the building
Patients at front of hospital
When entering hospital, doorways, sitting outside for lunch
On people's clothes, on their breath. Its disgusting, as soon as you go outside you can smell it you need cameras to catch the people that smoke by/near signs that say don't smoke. What are signs for when no-one enforces it.
Exposed everyday entering and exiting the building. None enforce the no-smoking areas. Headaches and nausea
Building entrance
Doorways of G block (where employees smoke) Outside of CT scan. Outdoors of main entrance G block
At the entrance of most areas outside
When walking from café through garden paths to G Block (site 12 or 11) to car park
At doorways
People not abiding by clearance on doorways
Patients and STAFF smoking right under the no smoking signs at the back entrance of E block and it blows right into my office, the foyer and chapel
Doorways/entering work
Our unstable psychiatric patients demand cigarettes (despite nicotine patches) There should be a safe smoking booth for hem so that staff do not have to put themselves at risk taking them outside
When I go from radiology dept outside past Charlies Outdoor Café to the doctors common room
Patients frequently smoke in front of hospital entrance, staff smoke in area commonly used as thoroughfare to Charlies Garden Café
When walking into hospital or out cross smoking zone
Smokers accumulate near doorways and we need to walk past them
Doorways, area 12 – Terrible
It smells horrible! If people have to smoke can it not be at an entrance to the hospital! Its like you have to weave your way through metres of smoke just to enter
Area 11 – last breath of fresh air has been contaminated by smokers
At doorways coming in through air vents while working inside
Walking past A and E (accident emergency) end (east) of F and G block; sitting between east end of J block and G block; sitting between M block and L block or walking past
Occasionally smoke gets sucked into the vents if someone smokes near them. There are no smoking signs in this area. Also sometimes if I sit outside for a tea break
When walking through and doorways



EX SMOKERS –Q6 Are you affected by second hand smoke at work? And details
I think it is sad and disgusting to have to smell smoke as you enter the hospital
Doorways and walkways
Passive smoke is bad for my health and I hate the smell
Doorway outside chaplaincy and Art Gallery area (E block). Also the patients transport pick and drop off areas. And smoking area 12 is too close to café/eating/too visible
Front entrance and some courtyards
I believe areas should be made available around the hospital (outside) for people who choose to smoke
Smoke free areas (outside) is next to a smoking area – slight west breeze and you got the smoke (non K and J block, smoker L and M blocks)
Only if entering through G block entrance
Doorways and on peoples clothing
When walking up of building past ED. On way home or to work
As you leave/come to work by J block. At the side of G block – Area 12
People smoking at doorways and where patients smoke in the covered courtyard, when the door opens or on entering the area, very strong and full of smoke
Smoke entering front of building
Please see attached letter N502
Retrieving patients from 5 th floor courtyard designated for smoking
Entering site near designated smoking areas
Occasionally people smoking outside as I walk in
Outside entrances; other outside areas occupied by smokers
It made me cough too much
At doorways, passing near by smoking areas
Passing by smoking area (just outside L block) It stinks
The current smoking restrictions are not being observed or policed. It is disgraceful that this Hospital tolerates smokers congregating around entrances
Our office looks onto the smokers courtyard in D block, we frequently are affected by 2 nd hand smoke
But smoking area visible to staff and patients
Walking in and out of work, taking patients to smoking areas, and by smokers 2 nd hand smoke and smell
As soon as you step outside any doorway! Especially in alfresco dining courtyard area – very smoky area (12) Bad! I foresee litigation
Main entrance – most unpleasant
Smokers seem to go out the back
Generally there is a large collection of smokers near doorways and outside ED
Exiting through hospital exits/near hospital exits still exposed to smoke
No-not too badly, though prefer no 2 nd hand smoke
Charlies Garden Café takeaway exit doors
Doorways especially outside G block and emergency entrance. Also patients get very aggressive and rude so they will be taken out to smoke
Breathing difficulty, allergic to cigarette smoke



EX SMOKERS –Q6 Are you affected by second hand smoke at work? And details
People smoking in doorways to hospital
Smokers courtyard on 5 th floor (when ask to take or fetch patients)
When walking in and out of work. Visitors smoking in waiting rooms/stairwells
Patients and other staff, visitors
Wind brings the smoke to where I sit at lunchtime. I also smell it on staff afterwards
At times, entrance to hospital
Sometimes near doorways, even though smokers are in designated areas you can still smell it
Some hospital staff smoke in hospital quadrangle and some patients smoke at front entrance
People smoking outside G block, ED and reception
Doorways/entering building
Sometimes need to take patient out to smoke – and stays with patient
In doorways and outdoor ‘smoking’ areas
Smokers at doorway next to ED staff room
At doorways, especially smoking area 12
At doorways
Visitors smoking at G block and emergency entrance
Roof garden – stinks – hate seeing cigarette butts in garden
At doorways smoke entering building, smoking between carpark and building
Sometimes when the wind blows and the smokers courtyard door is open the smoke drifts in
Entry exit G block (Area 12) Also smoking courtyard level 5
Have to walk through entrances near smoking area- not-nice they may as well be inside!!! (Probably relates to Number 4 on plan)
At entrance to R block
Entry to G block, side entrance to A and E
Smoke outside G block entry
Patients congregating at the main entrance doors. Also, staff sitting outside radiology access door Nth side
When walking to and from carpark people are smoking at entrance and walkways
Doorways
At entrance to the building
Whilst working around “j” block, loading dock (basement) I am constantly surrounded by smoking
Sites 11 and 4 which are the 2 entries/exits I use most
Outside main reception and A & E
Sidestream smoke from patients smoking outside D near entry to Watling St
Find it difficult to breathe, hate smell of smoke on my clothes
Walking through smoke areas makes me cough and at times wheeze, hate the smell of smoke on my clothes when I come to work
At doorways, smoke entering buildings, instructed to take patient out to smoke etc
I have mild asthma – smoke aggravates



EX SMOKERS –Q6 Are you affected by second hand smoke at work? And details
Patients at doorways
People smoking at hospital entrance and escorting patients to smokers courtyard
When patients are sitting ion the doorway of the front of the hospital
Only that its annoying
Affected from smoke entering buildings
Outside front of hospital in stairwells
Doorways walkways (external) Between F & G block during day
Smell is nauseating
Outside G block reception, when walking in/outside A and E (G block) Outside F block when going to cafeteria
Still think smoking areas too close (G entrance ED) and outside Path centre
Doorways, courtyards
People at doorways, appears to be patients or visitors
Every time I walk past it, through it I could collapse, I have allergies to it. I feel sick near it and at work. I have to go a different way to do my job, usually the long way round! N619
I also work with smokers who every half hour have to go and puff one, whilst working and I'm sick of it that I feel like leaving or having the same amount off work that they do! N619
But the few smokers who are often seen forlornly puffing away at the entrance to the hospital do appear rather sad and lonely N619
Smokers in our area are normally well away from the building. However in wet weather the only option is a covered walkway between two buildings and seating near a doorway N620
The few smokers in our area are required to smoke well away from the building. I'm not sure though that this would necessarily apply to all smoking areas currently identified in the SCGH map.
Door leading to outside area where smokers go is constantly left open while they smoke N623
At doorways
Patients out to smoke and meal breaks with staff
Cigarette smell is offensive. If you sit in the sun smokers sit nearby and we have to put up with the smoking N627
Smoke entering ward from patients smoking area N628



SMOKERS – COMMENT TO Q12 – What would you do if you could not smoke during working hours?
Be constantly chewing
Try and quit
I would quit my job, not smoking! Please see attached not
Be extremely irascible or possible look for alternative workplace (as an option-have to be)
Would be more stressed and take the stress out on my colleagues
Not smoke
I will chew gums that will reduce my smoke desire
Be very anxious, could not function to full standard
Smoke at home
Mood changes, probably not be so cheerful
I would hate to go out on the road
Don't anyway
Stress out
Chew gum or walk to Monash Ave, cross the road and have a smoke
Don't know
Not smoke, chew gum
Experience panic attacks and very high stress levels
Don't know, take full breaks and leave the worksite to smoke
Quit my job
Go mad and do someone an injury
I would quit – my job
What the hell could I do??
Work
I would not be bothered
I don't know
Try not to smoke
Patches
Smoke after
Don't smoke during working hours – wouldn't be a problem, smoke socially, usually when drinking alcohol
Find a hidey hole somewhere
Probably sneak one in somewhere
I would have to go out in the street or go and stand by the pond
Would just get on with it
Be very bad tempered! Would need to smoke
Not much
Leave the site during breaks
As all patients chain smoke, cannot get away from smoking
Leave workplace in designated breaks
Be irritable
Go offsite if need arose



SMOKERS – COMMENT TO Q12 – What would you do if you could not smoke during working hours?
Smoke on Verdyn St as this is my meal break
Look for alternative employment
Actually take designated lunch break and drive my car offsite
Id smoke in the toilets
Seek assistance to stop
Don't know
Have to have nicotine gum, Leave site for breaks
If the rules are No Smoking- obey the rules, as no public/transport/planes/any non smoking area
Not smoke
Try to quit
What could we do? Some people can give up easily- other people have withdrawal symptoms which causes them to be anxious – provide assistance with quit patches or something S67
Leave site on meal break if needed to. Dangerous on night shift, cannot leave site! I smoke when stressed S68
I would be very stressed
Try to survive
Try some patches to try and stop the craving
Work
Die



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