

**SMOKING ON CAMPUS**  
**UNIVERSITY CODE OF PRACTICE – UCOP10**

## **1.0 Introduction**

These procedures have been developed to protect all employees, students, customers and visitors from exposure to second hand smoke and to assist with compliance to the Health Act 2006; the use of electronic smoking appliances is incorporated within these procedures.

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

The use of electronic cigarettes or vaporizers is restricted in the same way as traditional smoking materials.

The University of St Mark & St John is committed to ensuring that all its work spaces (including work vehicles) and residential accommodation are smoke free. In addition to these areas it has been agreed, following consultation with both Staff and Students, to introduce a No Smoking Zone within the University. The No-Smoking Zone will extend for a 5 meter perimeter surrounding all buildings and the bridge to PAHC. The whole of the Quad is a no smoking area. The restrictions in the Quad are relaxed after 18.00 and at weekends. Smoking shelters will be provided at strategic points around the campus. This procedure applies to staff, students, customers and visitors.

## **2.0 Operating Procedure**

### **2.1 Compliance**

Overall responsibility for these procedures rests with the Vice Chancellor, however, every individual member of staff and all students have a legal obligation to adhere to and support the implementation of these procedures. No smoking signs will be positioned on all entrances to buildings.

### **2.2 Non-compliance**

Local disciplinary procedures will be followed if a member of staff or student does not comply with these procedures. Customers and visitors will be advised of the contents of these procedures if they smoke in no smoking areas. Those who do not comply with the smoke free law may also be liable to a fixed fine and possible criminal prosecution.

### **2.3 Support**

There are numerous free services to assist in giving up smoking. Visit [www.gosmokefree.co.uk](http://www.gosmokefree.co.uk) or contact the NHS smoking helpline on 08001690169 for details. Alternatively you can text 'GIVE

UP' and your full postcode to 88088 to find your local NHS Stop Smoking Service. The British Heart Foundation at [www.bhf.org.uk/smoking/](http://www.bhf.org.uk/smoking/) also provides advice and support

### 3.0 Guidance

- HSE Website, Advice on smoking at work <http://www.hse.gov.uk/contact/faqs/smoking.htm>.
- Smoking at work – the law <https://www.gov.uk/smoking-at-work-the-law>.

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