

Information Governance

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I am responding to your request for information received 13 July 2020. I am sorry for the delay in responding to your request. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Keshia Harvey
Information Governance Manager

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Request:

Question 1. Could you please confirm whether your organisation has a sustainability or sustainable development strategy.

a. If possible, please provide a copy.

Answer: Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, states that information is exempt, if at the time of the request the public authority holds it with a view to its publication.

The Trust's Sustainability Management Plan is currently being reviewed and will be published in the future and we therefore believe that in the case of this request, Section 22 of the Act should be applied.

If you answered yes to the first question can you confirm:

Question 2a. Whether there is a strategy group or work/action plan in place to support this strategy?

Answer: N/A

Question 2b. When the strategy was first developed within the organisation (year).

Answer: N/A

Question 3. Is there an identified Executive Sponsor for sustainability within the organisation?

Answer: Dr Paul Gilluley
Dr Mohit Venkaram
Paul Calaminus

Question 4. Are any members of staff dedicated to sustainability or sustainable development within the organisation? If so, how many hours per week are dedicated to this area of work, what is their job title and what Agenda for Change pay band are they?

Answer: The Energy, Sustainability & Environmental Manager is a Band 7 and is dedicated to sustainability. A third of the working week can be spent on sustainability measures for the Trust.

Question 5. Does your organisation have any environmental champions? If so, how many?

Answer: The Trust currently has two official environmental champions.

Question 6. Do you offer any sustainability training for your staff? If so, what format is this delivered in (e.g. face to face, e-learning, etc)?

Answer: The Trust does not currently offer sustainability training staff.

Question 7. Is your organisation 'paperless'?

a. For NHS Trusts and CCGs providing clinical services (such as Continuing Health Care), if not, what year do you anticipate fulfilling the NHS target to fully digitise clinical records?

Answer: Active (current) patient records are managed within various electronic clinical systems.

Inactive archived records are stored off site with a number of archiving providers where a regular programme of review, retention and deletion takes place including where appropriate, the decision to digitise these records

Question 8. Have you engaged with the NHS Sustainable Development Unit over the past five years? If so, could you provide the names of the project titles that you worked with them on.

Answer: Yes. We have used their SDAT tool regularly.

Question 9. Does your organisation assess its impact on the environment when making decisions through use of a sustainability framework or another similar tool?

Answer: Yes. It forms part of all tender agreements and assessments and also project work.