

Information Governance

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I am responding to your request for information received 6 January 2022. 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,



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Information Governance Manager

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Request:

Question 1. Does your Trust measure its total carbon footprint?? If yes, what is the carbon footprint of your Trust?? (Please provide in tCO2e and specify the date of measurement)

Answer: Yes, the Trust does measure its carbon footprint.

The last calculation was in 2019/20 and was 12,088 tCO2e.

Question 2. What steps has your Trust taken towards meeting the Greener NHS target of Net Zero by 2045?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 22 of the FOI Act states:

Information intended for future publication.

(1) Information is exempt information if—

(a) the information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not),

(b) the information was already held with a view to such publication at the time when the request for information was made, and

The Trust has a Green plan that is due to be ratified shortly and will be published by the end of January 2022. The steps contained within will help us to meet the targets set.

Question 3. What percentage of your Trust energy consumption comes from fossil fuels?

Answer: Of the 17,180,157 kWhs the Trust used in 2021 10,407,533 kWh of that was from gas use. While the Trust uses 100% renewable electricity sources there is not a current viable alternative for gas. Therefore 60.57% of Trust energy consumption comes from fossil fuels

Question 4. What steps is your Trust taking to reduce its fossil fuel consumption?

Answer: Please see table below:

Create a new estates and facilities plan	A plan to reduce energy usage and waste, improve efficiency, generate energy, and improve land use across the estate.
Improve energy management	Reduce energy consumption by 5% Pioneering decarbonisation pilot programme at Beech Close Resource Centre to fully decarbonise an existing site

	Link up site building management systems to improve energy efficiencies
	Identifying sites for onsite energy generation
	Delivering energy reporting directly to sites to encourage reduction
	Increased number of clinically led energy management projects across services using Qi methodology
	Identifying potential for combined energy purchasing or combined renewables
Improve efficiency of heating and lighting	Identifying opportunity in the NHS Energy Efficiency Fund (NEEF)
	Auditing 100% of sites for retrofit and insulation potential
	Switch to LED across 50% of sites
	Remove gas heating at worst performing 50% of sites
	Install lighting controls, motion sensors and timers at all sites

Question 5. How many vehicles are in your Trust's fleet?

Answer: The Trust has 300 pool cars.

Question 6. How many of your Trust's fleet uses: A. Petrol/Diesel B. Hybrid C. Electric

Answer: The vehicles which the Trust owns and leases are almost exclusively diesel and petrol. Our fleet is therefore not as environmentally friendly as it could be and this will impact on our carbon footprint as an organisation. The Trust aims to be carbon net zero for direct emissions by 2030 and for indirect emissions by 2040.

Question 7. Does your Trust have a policy on reducing the use of single-use plastics (including for clinical and/or non-clinical items)?? If yes, please provide details of this policy and the reduction achieved to date.

Answer: Please see table below:

Reduce use of clinical equipment	Review options for reusable PPE
	Engage clinical staff in improvement work on reducing use of equipment
	Expand on existing walking aid and other AHP related refurbishment and recycling schemes

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	Reduce costs of equipment procurement
Reduce use of plastics	Eliminate single use plastics in our catering and supply chain services
	Expand on projects reducing the use of clinical single-use plastic items
Connection with NHS England and Greener NHS	Using Greener NHS support and toolkits available to NHS procurement.

Question 8. Has your Trust received funding to spend specifically on sustainability and decarbonisation? If yes, please provide details on how much and over what time period.

Answer: The Trust allocates certain funds within cap ex to specifically fund sustainability initiatives. The ring-fenced amount is current 10% of an annual APM budget. There are also funds available through the CPSG submission process accessing capital funds.

Question 9. How much has your Trust spent in 2021 (including specific funding received and any other expenditure) on activities related to sustainability and decarbonisation?

Answer: Circa £100k.