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I am responding to your request for information received 21st October 2022. I am sincerely 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,



Shuchi Joshi
Senior Information Governance Coordinator – Information Rights

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113
Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request:

Question 1: Do you calculate the carbon footprint of medicines?

Yes/No

Answer: No.

**Question 2: What was the carbon footprint of medicines for 2021?
_____ tonnes CO2e (or other units - please specify)**

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

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

*Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—
(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and
(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.*

East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record the information requested about carbon footprint of medicines and is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 3: How did you calculate the carbon footprint of medicines in 2021?

Please select one of the following

Top-down - we use a factor which converts spend to carbon footprint.

Top-down + bottom-up - we use a spend-based factor for most medicines and specific (bottom-up) carbon footprint calculations for others (e.g. inhalers and/or anaesthetics. Please specify for which medicines you use bottom-up calculations.

Other - Please specify.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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**Question 4: For top-down calculations what factor did you use?
_____ kilograms or tonnes CO2e per £ spent (or other units - please specify)**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.



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Question 5: Do you update the factor used?

Select one of the following
The factor is updated yearly
The same factor is used every year
The factor is updated less frequently than yearly

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 5 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 6: Why did you use this factor?
Please provide as much detail as possible including when and who supplied this factor.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed questions 6 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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