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I am responding to your request for information received 30 October 2025. 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,

Information Rights Coordinator

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: Information about how carbon footprint of medicines are reported.

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

Answer: Yes.

Question 2: What was the carbon footprint of medicines for 2024?

Answer: 5,430 tonnes per annum.

Question 3: How did you calculate the carbon footprint of medicines in 2024?

1. **Top-down** - we use a factor which converts spend to carbon footprint.
2. **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.*
3. **Other** - *Please specify.*

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

Question 4: For top-down calculations what factor did you use?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4 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, as the formula is provided by NHS England, and is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 5: Do you update the factor used?

1. **The factor is updated yearly**
2. **The same factor is used every year**
3. **The factor is updated less frequently than yearly**

Answer: The same factor is used every year.

Question 6: Why did you use this factor?

Answer: It is provided to us by NHS England (NHSE) and currently there is no requirement or funding to calculate through a private origination.



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