

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 23-304**

18 May 2023

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we hold some of the information you are requesting

**Sustainability in healthcare research.**

**To elaborate, an environmental or sustainability focus might include audits/research projects involving any of: carbon reduction/decarbonization, emissions, energy efficiency, renewables, environmental impact, the use of single use plastics, food waste, sustainability of care models, waste disposal.**

**1. The number of registered audits/quality improvement projects/research projects (planned and completed) since October 2020 at your trust**

278

**2. The number of audits/quality improvement projects/research projects that have an environmental/sustainability focus as part of their agenda**

Six.

**3. A breakdown of the topics that the environmental/sustainability audits/quality improvement projects/research projects focus on**

69 Transformation projects – none of these are specifically focused on environment/sustainability.

185 Quality Improvement projects – Four projects are related to environment/sustainability.

12 A3 Thinking Improvement projects – One project is related to environment/sustainability.

12 Bright Ideas (Innovation) projects We do not collect this data – One project is related to environment/sustainability.

**4. Whether your Trust has a sustainability lead**

Yes.

**5. Whether your Trust has a sustainability policy included in clinical governance**

**meetings and junior doctor induction materials.**

We have a strategy, but it's not included in governance meetings or doctor inductions.

**6. Does your trust have a sustainability working group/board and how many clinicians are on this**

Yes, it varies by group but approximately 15 clinicians in total.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer  
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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