

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-427

26 June 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 do hold the information you are requesting

1 Name of Organisation

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust

Managing Environmental Performance:

2 Have you set a Net Zero Carbon Target and what is your timeline for reaching net zero (if you have phased targets, please outline what they are)? Y/N Yes then date(s) 2030

3 What metrics do you use to measure your carbon footprint and your progress towards net zero High level Details e.g. waste volumes, consumption data.

SC Recycling volumes, Grey Fleet expenses data, Energy monitoring Carbon is reported in tonnes CO2 equivalents (tCO2e) for scope 1, scope 2 and a sub set of scope 3 emissions. We use a range of consumption based data e.g. energy used (kWh), litres of fuel purchased, waste weight (tonnes) and use the published greenhouse gas conversion factors for company reporting and others from Greener NHS to calculate our emissions.

4 Do you have an action plan in place to achieve targets in a timely manner? Y/N Yes

Governance and Oversight:

5 Does sustainability feature within your organisational strategy/strategic plan as a distinct objective, a strategic principle, brief mention or not at all? Objective/Principle/Mention/not at all

Strategic plan as distinct objective

6 Please outline whether you have Executive and Non-Executive Board level sustainability leads? Exec/Non-Exec/Both/Neither

Executive.

7 Do you have an Environmental Steering Group that oversees and/or directs the organisation's overall environmental impact. Y/N

Yes

8 Does climate change appear as a risk on your corporate risk register? Y/N

Yes

9 Do you have a Climate Change Adaption Plan? Y/N

The Trust has aligned with the ICS (Integrated Care System) Green Plan

Resources:

10 How many dedicated Sustainability roles do you have within your organisation?

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11 Do you have designated capital and revenue budgets for environmental improvement (over and above any designated staff cost budgets)? Cap/Rev/Both/NA

Revenue and capital costs are allocated to the Sustainability budget.

Engagement:

12 Please outline the degree to which sustainability features in your induction and mandatory training programme? Please provide an outline of training plan e.g.

Induction module. Mandatory training e-learning module, or N/A

Promoted at induction but is not part of an e-learning package

13 Do you have a staff forum for raising and developing environmental ideas? Y/N

Yes

14 How frequently do you routinely engage with your key internal service users on environmental performance and improvement, and what methods do you adopt for engagement? Frequency: Ad-hoc when info is required/annually/ bi-annually/other frequency (please state). Followed by Survey/Forum/Other (please describe)/NA

Sustainability Advocates meet monthly. Annual Surveys are carried out for Travel. Outside of our internal governance process for monitoring and reporting progress against our targets, we regularly undertake a range of engagement activities with our staff. We use a mixture of existing internal staff communication channels and sustainability specific communication methods such as weekly content in the internal staff newsletter, monthly sustainability themed lunch and learn webinars, a monthly sustainability newsletter sent via email, monthly meetings of our sustainable healthcare advocates and division green group meetings. In addition to this we hold annual and ad-hoc engagement through for example, the annual travel survey, stalls and events.

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Evaluation:

Our social media channels are often used to share our progress and raise awareness with our external service users, these are on an ad-hoc basis. Annually we report our sustainability performance as part of the Annual Report and Accounts and our Green Plan is available online. We also hold ad-hoc events such as in financial year 2022/23 we held a festival of nature event and a sustainability Health Matters event. We also share our progress on an ad-hoc basis with our peers at conferences and events.

16 Do you require an evaluation of sustainability impact, and in particular environmental impact, in the development and submission of business cases? Y/N

Yes

**17 Do you evaluate the sustainability of service delivery and equipment performance in your procurement tenders (excluding 'green' schemes such as solar arrays)? Yes, in All
Yes, in Most**

Yes, in Some

No

Yes in most

18 If yes, have you ever awarded a tender based on sustainability credentials over most competitive price (excluding any 'green' schemes such as solar panels)? Y/N

No (because we assess tenders on a range of quality and cost criteria not just sustainability and price e.g technical requirements, health and safety etc).

Brand and Promotion

19 Do you promote yourself as a 'green' organisation either in your brand design or overtly on your external literature/website? Y/N

We do not promote ourselves as a 'green' organisation in our brand design.

As part of our external communication activity, when we have positive sustainability stories, we will include them on the News section of our Trust website. For example: [UHBW NHS –](#)

We also publish our annual sustainability report on our website

[annual_sustainability_report_uhbw_2020-21.pdf](#)

20 Do you have Intranet Content on sustainability for staff, and is it directly accessed from your home page? Y/N followed by Y/N/NA

Yes

21 Does your public website include content on sustainability, and is it directly accessed from your home page? Y/N followed by Y/N/NA

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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.

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Yours sincerely

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