

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 23-623**

23 August 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. The trust's annual carbon footprint recorded in each of these financial years: 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023.**

**If the trust did not record its carbon footprint in a certain year, can you please state this next to the year(s) in question.**

**2. The trust's annual carbon footprint plus recorded in each of these financial years: 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023.**

**If the trust did not record its carbon footprint in a certain year, can you please state this next to the year(s) in question.**

**Can you please share the figures above in tCO2e.**

**To note:**

- 'Carbon footprint' and 'carbon footprint plus' are definitions used in the NHS net zero agenda.
- For reference, 'carbon footprint' refers to emissions under direct NHS control, and where there is a target to reach net zero emissions by 2040.
- 'Carbon footprint plus' refers to emissions under NHS direct control and emissions it can influence, and for which there is a target to reach net zero emissions by 2045.
- More information on definitions here: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/greenernhs/wp-content/uploads/sites/51/2022/07/B1728-delivering-a-net-zero-nhs-july-2022.pdf>

We are able to obtain this information however we have decided to apply Section 21 of the FOIA as this information is reasonably accessible in the public domain in our Annual Report on the following link:

[https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/assets/1/final\\_uhbw\\_annual\\_report\\_and\\_accounts\\_2022-23\\_for\\_parliament.pdf](https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/assets/1/final_uhbw_annual_report_and_accounts_2022-23_for_parliament.pdf)

Section 21 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to provide the requested information is already reasonably accessible and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

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  
BS1 3NU

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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