

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 21-226

14 May 2021

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. Does the Trust have a dedicated Sustainability Lead? If so, please provide their name and email address

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2. Does the Trust have a sustainability plan to achieve NHS Net Zero and if so, please could a copy or link to the plan be provided in response to this FOI?

Yes

http://www.uhbristol.nhs.uk/media/3700541/00929_uhb_sustainability_report_web.pdf

3. Does the Trust foresee any challenges in meeting the targets set out in NHS Net Zero? Please choose from the options below

Question Yes No

| Question | Yes | No |
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| 1) Accurately creating a baseline and target for emissions reduction | y | |
| 2) Meeting the CHG targets for NHS Net Zero | y | |
| 3) Assigning resource to meeting key milestones or objectives to achieve NHS Net Zero | y | |
| 4) Budget and costs required to achieve net zero | y | |
| 5) Accessing Innovations In industry to help the NHS achieve net zero | y | |

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| 6) Gaining internal collaboration across all departments and functions | y | |
| 7) Gaining engagement to achieve net zero from suppliers (scope 3) | y | |

4. Does the Trust have a designated budget set aside to make environmental improvements? if so, what are the amounts?

FY22/23

FY23/24

FY24/25

There is no dedicated budget

5. Is the Trust participating in one of the 40 Net Zero Carbon Hospital Standard Framework builds? if yes, please provide site information together with the start and completion dates for build.

We are not one of the 40 net zero hospital builds

6. Is the Trust working towards discouraging petrol or diesel cars onsite across the Trust estate? if yes is there a date for introducing this measure and any further detail you can provide?

We are working with Bristol City Council on the introduction of the Clean Air Zone expected to be late October 2021 at the earliest. We are also promoting alternatives to fossil fuel travel as part of our plans to become a clean air hospital.

7. What organisations or information sources does the Sustainability Lead and/or Trust consult, to broaden their knowledge of key sustainability initiatives, to seek guidance and inspiration or to research ?

National best practice groups, National Greener NHS guidance. Sustainability industry publications and networks. Bristol Advisory Committee on Climate Change. Green Capital Partnership.

8. Please highlight the statement/s which most closely relate to the Trusts belief in sustainability and value

The Trust believes that, as new technologies and access to better, more sustainable materials evolves, this should have no cost increase of equipment and consumables. The Trust believes that, as new technologies and access to better, more sustainable materials evolve, this may significantly increase the cost of equipment and consumables. The additional cost will have to be absorbed by the supplier.

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A general statement on more sustainable materials and cost can be applied to the 1000s of different items of equipment and consumables. Some will cost more some will cost less. The Trust's planned approach is to assessing value through a full lifecycle costing and considering social and environmental value in procurement exercises.

9 Does the Trust have plans to improve or focus on any of the following net zero themes in the next two years (please highlight or add a mark next to as many options that apply)

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| Building and Environmental Infrastructure | Upgrading and improving existing buildings | y |
| | Optimising buildings | y |
| | New builds with sustainable requirements (please specify what the requirements are and what buildings are planned) | y |
| | Biodiversity planting, storm roofs, sustainably sourced cladding | y |
| Energy Consumption | Real time energy monitoring technology | y |
| | Onsite renewable energy and heat generation | y |
| | Removing oil and coal heating systems | By 2030 |
| Capital Equipment updates across Theatres with sustainable features and technology | y | |
| Capital Equipment updates across CSSD with sustainable features and technology | n | |
| MedTech and Technology investment to minimise the use of paper and storage/archive requirements | y | |
| Better waste management arrangements (minimising landfill) | y | |

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| Fleet Management | Green Fleet Review | y |
| | EV Logistics and Ambulances | |
| | EV Lease Options | We purchase EVs |
| | Free EV parking onsite or other patient or visitor initiatives to discourage the use of petrol or diesel vehicles on site? | No |
| Supply Chain | Reduction in single use plastic | y |
| | Low Carbon Emission supply chain (Moving to European or UK manufactured products) | y |
| | Metal Instrument Reprocessing | y |
| | Device Reuse and Refurbishment | y |
| | Zero paper-based procurement approaches | y |
| | Process and Product Innovation | y |
| | Bio-based polymers | y |
| | Electrified logistics and freight requirements | y |
| | Commitment to NHS net zero suppliers only | This doesn't exist yet |
| | Increased weighting in tenders to Sustainability and social value (please specify estimated percentage weighting increase if relevant) | y |
| | Decarbonised | y |

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| | Construction and sustainable building methods/technologies | |
| Supply Chain Innovation | Supplier contributions to ongoing innovation and research in the field of environmental sustainability Pilots with key NHS Suppliers | y |

10) Does the Trust include social value and community engagement within their definition of “Sustainability ?

Yes

9. Does the Trust champion or participate in any social value projects? If yes, please can you provide a top-level list of projects ongoing or that are planned in the next 24 months

Rather than separate projects we are looking as to how we can integrate social value into all projects

10. Does the Trust prioritise particular themes as part of their social value and community engagement activity?

We are focused on becoming a clean air hospital

12. Will social value become part of the Trusts tender scoring process for suppliers in the next 12-24 months? if yes, how will this be weighted (an estimate is fine)

This is currently under discussion

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.

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Yours sincerely

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