

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-466

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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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request information regarding your current and planned usage of solar energy across your estate.

Please could you provide responses to the following questions:

1. Governance & Responsibility

o Do you have a dedicated person or team responsible for solar energy investment and/or sustainability energy initiatives within your organisation?

Yes

o If so, please provide their role/title (personal names are not required).

Head of Sustainability

2. Current Solar Deployment

o How many solar panel installations (PV systems) do you currently operate across your estate?

Five

o What is the total installed capacity of these systems (in kWp)?

268.33

o What proportion of your organisation's energy usage is currently provided by solar generation?

2%

3. Investment & Strategy

o Does your organisation have a documented investment strategy for expanding the use of solar panels or increasing on-site renewable energy generation?

No

o If so, please provide a copy of or link to the relevant strategy or plan (or summarise key points if not published).

Not applicable

4. Solar and Net Zero Commitments

o Does solar energy form part of your organisation's Net Zero / Carbon Reduction Strategy?

Yes

o If yes, how is progress against this strategy communicated to the public (e.g. via website, reports, dashboards, etc.)?

We have a public NHS, Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board Green Plan

5. Future Plans

o Are there any planned solar panel projects or expansions within the next 3 years?

No

If yes, please provide high-level details (e.g. number of sites, scale of deployment, approximate timescales).

Not applicable

o Have you conducted any feasibility studies on increasing solar capacity in the past 3 years?

No

If so, can these be shared?

Not applicable

6. Procurement & Partnerships

o Does your organisation currently use any third-party companies or frameworks to deliver solar energy solutions or manage installations?

No

If yes, which ones?

No

o Are there any upcoming procurement exercises planned relating to solar energy or wider renewable energy solutions?

No

7. Battery Storage

o Do you currently use battery storage alongside your solar panels?

No

o Are there plans to invest in battery storage in future?

No

8. Funding

o Has your organisation accessed or applied for any external funding to support solar energy projects (e.g. SALIX, Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme, LEP funding)?

Yes

9. Barriers

o What are the main barriers your organisation faces to further adoption of solar energy (e.g. funding, planning restrictions, roof suitability, internal resource)?

Roof space, health and safety.

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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