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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 31st December 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding carbon footprint and sustainability.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Upon review of your request:

Please note that the following information has been released under the Environmental Information Regulation EIR (2004) and NOT under the Freedom of Information Act (2000)

Q1 Does your Trust measure its total carbon footprint? If so, what is it? Please provide in tCO₂e and specify the date of measurement.

A1 Carbon emissions relating to consumption of electricity gas and water only. For the period from 01/04/2018 to 31/03/2019 emissions were 24,594 tCO₂e

Q2 If your Trust has measured its total carbon footprint previously, what was it in?

- 2015-16
- 2016-17
- 2017-18
- 2018-19

Please provide in tCO₂e.

A2 Please see below:

Carbon emissions relating to consumption of electricity, gas and water only.

- 2015-16: 31,134 tCO₂e
- 2016-17: 29,269 tCO₂e
- 2017-18: 27,505 tCO₂e
- 2018-19: 24,594 tCO₂e

Q3 How many full-time equivalent (FTE) staff are employed by your Trust?

A3 At 30th November 2019 the headcount was 10936 (9608.59 Full Time Equivalent)

This is permanent and fixed term staff only

Q4 Does your Trust have any targets for reducing carbon emissions? If so, please outline.

A4 Net zero by 2050 in line with the Climate Change Act (2008)**

Q5 What percentage of your Trust energy consumption comes from fossil fuels?

A5 Please see below:

- Grid Electricity: 31.2%
- Natural Gas: 68.6%
- Solar PV: 0.2%

Q6 Is your Trust taking any steps to reduce its energy consumption from fossil fuels? If so, please outline these steps.

A6 Please see below:

- Engaging with staff, visitors and patients to encourage them to make low carbon choices through the *Switch to a Sustainable UHNM* campaign.
- Seeking investment for technology to reduce emissions such as increased solar PV and LED lighting coverage.
- Working in partnership with local organisations to develop carbon reduction initiatives.

Q7 What percentage of your Trust's vehicle fleet uses:

- **Petrol or diesel vehicles**
- **Hybrid vehicles**
- **Electric vehicles**

A7 Please see below:

- Diesel: 77.5%
- Electric: 22.5%

Q8 Does your Trust have a policy on reducing the use of single-use plastics (including for clinical and/or non-clinical items)? If so, please provide this policy.

A8 UHNM does not have a specific policy on single use plastics.

Q9 Has your Trust received any funding to spend specifically on sustainability? If so, please provide the details.

A9 UHNM has not received any funding to spend specifically on sustainability in the period since April 2015

*** The Climate Change Act 2008 (2050 Target Amendment) Order 2019, SI 2019/1056 (the order), came into force on 27 June 2019 and amended the legally binding target to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions set in section 1 of the Climate Change Act 2008 (CCA 2008) from 80% to 100%, or net zero.*

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

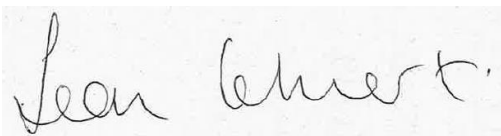
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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