



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-316

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Email [foi@uhn.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhn.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023 requesting information under the Environmental Information Act (EIR Act (2004)) regarding carbon footprint.

Note that this request has been answered under the EIR Act and not the FOI Act (2000)

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) 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.

**Q1 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.**

A1 The Trust's annual carbon footprint recorded in each of these financial years:

2019-2020 = 36,675tCO<sub>2</sub>e

2020-2021 = 33,293tCO<sub>2</sub>e

2021-2022 = 33,299tCO<sub>2</sub>e

and 2022-2023 = Currently not recorded

**Q2 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 tCO<sub>2</sub>e.**

**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>

A2 The Trust's annual carbon footprint plus recorded in each of these financial years:

2019-2020 = 115,007tCO<sub>2</sub>e

2020-2021 = 148,300tCO<sub>2</sub>e

2021-2022 = 148,306tCO<sub>2</sub>e

and 2022-2023 = Currently not recorded

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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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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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