

24/01/2022

Dear Requester,

**FOI 1083**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which was received within the Trust.  
Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

**1. Does your Trust measure its total carbon footprint? If yes, what is the carbon footprint of your Trust? (Please provide in tCO<sub>2</sub>e and specify the date of measurement)**

Carbon foot print data is available only for building energy and anaesthetic gases for the NHS Trusts. Whilst things like waste, food and recycled paper usage are recorded, they aren't yet used to measure our carbon footprint.

Latest data (2021/22) for energy usage: Carbon footprint from Anaesthetic gases is approx. 40 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions for May 21.

Building energy is calculated as 9 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>. Inhalers don't have CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions at the moment.

Greener NHS (NHS ENGLAND & NHS IMPROVEMENT) is developing tools to capture the data to inform the NHS organisations to understand their carbon footprint.

**2. What steps has your Trust taken towards meeting the Greener NHS target of Net Zero by 2045?**

The Trust has a Board approved Green Plan that sets out how the Trust is going to meet the 2045 targets. This has been now shared with the Bedford, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care System (BLMK ICS) for the ICS to integrate the plans from the NHS organisations within the Trust to submit to the Greener NHS team.

The action plan from the Green plan includes actions from the following areas:

- Workforce and system leadership
- Estates and Facilities
- Travel and transport
- Adaptation
- Medicines
- Sustainable models of care

- Food and nutrition
- Supply chain and procurement
- Digital Transformation

The Trust has an Executive sustainability lead and sustainability Manager to lead the agenda. A Sustainability committee has been set up since February 2021, which meets bi-monthly and membership include Executives and Non-Executives. The Trust's Corporate Objectives for 2021/22 include 'Becoming a sustainability exemplar organisation in the NHS'.

**3. What percentage of your Trust energy consumption comes from fossil fuels?**

0% at Bedford site and 100% at L&D site.

**4. What steps is your Trust taking to reduce its fossil fuel consumption?**

The Trust contacted EDF Energy (energy provider for L&D hospital) in order to place an order to move to 100% renewable energy. In October 2021, EDF responded to say that they are no longer able to accept any switching to Renewable tariffs for 2021/22, as due to the unexpected large lack of Renewable generation through the summer, stocks are now exhausted for this contracting year. This has been escalated to the national team (Greener NHS).

Trust is currently having discussions with EDF energy to purchase 100% renewable energy from April 2022.

**5. How many vehicles are in your Trust's fleet?**

11 vans, 5 electric tugs and 1 road sweeper

**6. How many of your Trust's fleet uses:**

- a) Petrol/Diesel -15
- b) Hybrid – 0
- c) Electric - 2

**7. Does your Trust have a policy on reducing the use of single-use plastics (including for clinical and/or non-clinical items)? If yes, please provide details of this policy and the reduction achieved to date.**

The Trust currently does not have a policy on reducing the use of single-use plastics but this will be addressed as part of the actions in the Green Plan.

**8. Has your Trust received funding to spend specifically on sustainability and decarbonisation?**

Yes at Bedford Hospital site.

**If yes, please provide details on how much and over what time period.**

£295,000 in September 2019 for LED lighting.

**9. How much has your Trust spent in 2021 (including specific funding received and any other expenditure) on activities related to sustainability and decarbonisation?**

The Trust has spent £ 1,475,807.65 Inc VAT at Luton and Dunstable Hospital site (trust funded scheme). There is no spend in Bedford Hospital for 2021.

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Yours sincerely,

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