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Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which was received within the Trust.

In accordance with S.1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that we do hold the information relevant to your request. FOI 05

Luton and Dunstable University Hospital Response

1. Could you please confirm whether your organisation has a sustainability or sustainable development strategy.
 - a. If possible, please provide a copy. **No, currently being developed for the newly merged organisation.**
2. If you answered yes to the first question can you confirm:
 - a. Whether there is a strategy group or work/action plan in place to support this strategy?
 - b. When the strategy was first developed within the organisation (year).
3. Is there an identified Executive Sponsor for sustainability within the organisation? **Yes**
4. Are any members of staff dedicated to sustainability or sustainable development within the organisation? If so, how many hours per week are dedicated to this area of work, what is their job title and what Agenda for Change pay band are they? **No staff allocated or funded, business case is currently being developed to request resources.**
5. Does your organisation have any environmental champions? If so, how many? **No**
6. Do you offer any sustainability training for your staff? If so, what format is this delivered in (e.g. face to face, e-learning, etc)? **No**
7. Is your organisation 'paperless'? **No, moving towards digital records.**
 - a. For NHS Trusts and CCGs providing clinical services (such as Continuing Health Care), if not, what year do you anticipate fulfilling the NHS target to fully digitise clinical records? **2 years, currently scanning patient records.**

8. Have you engaged with the NHS Sustainable Development Unit over the past five years? If so, could you provide the names of the project titles that you worked with them on. **We have engaged with the SDU and the SALIX team on the Luton and Dunstable Energy Centre.**
9. Does your organisation assess its impact on the environment when making decisions through use of a sustainability framework or another similar tool? **No**

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Yours sincerely,

IG/FOI Coordinator

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