

11/11/2022

Dear Requester,

**FOI 1774**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

1. **Prior to October 2022, did you have a written plan in the event of a loss of power for the hospital(s) overseen by the trust? What did this entail?**

There is not a Trust overarching power failure document. The Trust is working on an overarching BCP (Business Continuity Plan).

1. **How long can the hospital(s) run on back-up power?**

2 days with sufficient fuel supplies.

1. **Have you re-examined those plans and / or made any alterations for this winter?**

Yes – New infrastructure/Plant of L&D site that will allow 10 days emergency generator operation.

1. **What have you changed?**

Nothing – Awaiting completion of major infrastructure upgrade.

1. **What are your plans for hospitals if there are regular three-hour power cuts with advanced warning this winter, as warned by the National Grid?**

The Trust Acute sites are known to the national grid. No new plans existing BCP.

1. **Under what scenario would the hospital(s) be forced to close as a result of power outtages this winter?**

The Trust is on the list of protected sites. Being unable to source fuel oil for generators.

1. **What would your advice to hospitals be in the event of a power outtage with advance warning?**

N/A

1. **What would your advice to hospitals be in the event of a sudden loss of power?**

N/A

1. **In the event of a sustained nationwide loss of power, have you contacted any other organisations to see if you can draw on their backup generation?**

Yes

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Yours sincerely,

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