

25 January 2022

**Our Ref:** RFI 42393

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in relation to the steps taken by the Trust towards Meeting the  
Greener NHS of Net Zero by 2045**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to above which you requested on 23 December 2021.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Human Resources & Corporate Affairs Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital ([informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net](mailto:informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net)) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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**Q1. 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)**

A1. Yes, the Trust measure total carbon footprint annually. Measured from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 the figures are 23,005 teCO<sub>2</sub>.

**Q2. What steps has your Trust taken towards meeting the Greener NHS target of Net Zero by 2045?**

A2. The Trust has been actively taking steps to lower our carbon emissions for the past 20 years. Examples of technologies include extensive use of photovoltaics (PV panels), 100% green electricity, use of CHP plant, air sourced heat pumps, biomass boilers and oil to gas conversions.

**Q3. What percentage of your Trust energy consumption comes from fossil fuels?**

A3. 69% of the Trust's energy consumption comes from fossil fuels.

**Q4. What steps is your Trust taking to reduce its fossil fuel consumption?**

A4. The Trust has appointed a Travel Plan Coordinator in order to reduce the fossil fuel consumption.

**Q5. How many vehicles are in your Trust's fleet?**

A5. There are 215 vehicles in the Trust's fleet.

**Q6. How many of your Trust's fleet uses:**

A6. Please see Table 1.

Table 1

Petrol/Diesel	205
Hybrid	4
Electric	7

**Q7. 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.**

A7. The Trust does not have a waste reduction policy relating exclusively to single use plastics.

**Q8. Has your Trust received funding to spend specifically on sustainability and decarbonisation? If yes, please provide details on how much and over what time period.**

A8. Over the last 10 years the Trust has invested over £1.2M in photovoltaics.

**Q9. How much has your Trust spent in 2021 (including specific funding received and any other expenditure) on activities related to sustainability and decarbonisation?**

A9. In 2020/2021 the Trust spent approximately £200,000 from Invest to save on the Newtownards boiler house decentralisation going from oil to gas.