

FOI_58_20/21 – FOI request concerning - Current approach to sustainability and sustainable development

I confirm that we hold the information as below.

1. **Could you please confirm whether your organisation has a sustainability or sustainable development strategy?**
 - a. **If possible, please provide a copy.**



Sustainability
Policy.pdf

Yes, however our 'Sustainability and Carbon Management Strategy' recently expired and is presently being updated for re-issue.

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?**

Not currently in place but is being redeveloped as part of our strategic approach going forward.

- b. **When the strategy was first developed within the organisation (year).**

2013

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?**

Yes

3 – 5 hours per week of 22.5 hours contracted hours
Building and Environmental Compliance Manager - Band 7

5. **Does your organisation have any environmental champions? If so, how many?**

No formally appointed champions currently in place but a number of staff have been identified to undertake this role and will be confirmed as part of the revised strategy implementation.

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, however regular guidance and awareness is provided through newsletters and posters.

7. Is your organisation 'paperless'?

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?

Yes – all clinical services have an electronic record (this excludes archived paper 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.

Yes, we regularly use SDU tools to aid planning, recording and monitoring / evaluating

9. Does your organisation assess its impact on the environment when making decisions through use of a sustainability framework or another similar tool?

Yes, sustainability is included in all contract tenders, this is through specific questions rather than a sustainability tool.