

Freedom of Information request 015312 - Sustainability or sustainable development strategy

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

- The Trust has a draft Sustainable Development Management Plan (now called a Green Plan) which was due to be presented to the Trust Board this spring. Senior staff changes and management of the COVID pandemic have led to this being delayed, most likely until the autumn.

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?

- The Plan does include an action plan covering the period to 2024. A working group has been meeting over the past year to prepare the Plan including representatives from Finance, Human Resources, Communications and our Private Finance Initiative Partners. Once the Plan has been approved, there will be a Green Plan Working Group which will meet quarterly to progress actions.

b. When the strategy was first developed within the organisation (year). - Work started in July 2019 to draft the Plan.

3. Is there an identified Executive Sponsor for sustainability within the organisation?

- The nominated Executive Sponsor for sustainability is Liam Nevin, Board Secretary.

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?

- There is currently no one person dedicated to sustainability. Responsibility for progressing this agenda is shared between members of the Working Group, in addition to their other roles.

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

- The Green Plan envisages the creation of a 'Green Team' a network of environmental champions to promote sustainability within their own work areas. Whilst the team has not been formally launched yet, we are building a network of staff who want to champion this in their own area

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)?

- The Trust has not started this yet, but once the champions have been identified, they will be offered some training (probably e-learning) and this falls within our action plan. We are hoping to approach the Sustainable Development Unit (SDU) at Department of Health to support us with this.

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?

- The Trust is not currently paperless at point of care. However, we are on that journey following implementation of our new Electronic Patient Record. Our clinical documentation roll-out is planned to be complete by mid-2021. We have already digitised observation charts, ED patient documentation and are about to implement e-Prescribing.

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.

- The Trust has engaged with the NHS Sustainable Development Unit in the development of our Green Plan. We have used the resources and guidance they publish whilst drafting our Plan. We have used the Sustainable Development Assessment Tool in September 2019 to establish our baseline position. We have used the Sustainable Resource Planning tool to calculate our carbon footprint.

We have also approached them about the possibility of their being able to provide some training to our staff on sustainability issues.

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

- The Trust has used the Sustainable Development Assessment Tool in September 2019 to establish our baseline position and we intend to update this every year. The next assessment should take place in September 2020.

We will submit a report twice a year to the Trust Board that shows our impact on the environment in terms of energy use and single use plastics in catering. We will use the Sustainable Resource Planning tool to estimate our annual carbon emissions every year.