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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please see response below.

Please could you provide responses to the following questions:

1. Governance & Responsibility

o Do you have a dedicated person or team responsible for solar energy investment and/or sustainability energy initiatives within your organisation?

o If so, please provide their role/title (personal names are not required).

No - we have a sustainability lead that has oversight of the energy and estates sub-group which this falls under

2. Current Solar Deployment

o How many solar panel installations (PV systems) do you currently operate across your estate?

o What is the total installed capacity of these systems (in kWp)?

o What proportion of your organisation's energy usage is currently provided by solar generation?

- none

3. Investment & Strategy

o Does your organisation have a documented investment strategy for expanding the use of solar panels or increasing on-site renewable energy generation? - **No**

o If so, please provide a copy of or link to the relevant strategy or plan (or summarise key points if not published). - **Not applicable**

4. Solar and Net Zero Commitments

o Does solar energy form part of your organisation's Net Zero / Carbon Reduction Strategy?

o If yes, how is progress against this strategy communicated to the public (e.g. via website, reports, dashboards, etc.)?

- No - under development - Green Plan is on the Trust website and the NHSE net-zero strategies are on the NHSE website

5. Future Plans

o Are there any planned solar panel projects or expansions within the next 3 years? If yes, please provide high-level details (e.g. number of sites, scale of deployment, approximate timescales).

- Yes. Unable to provide details waiting for confirmation of site location.

o Have you conducted any feasibility studies on increasing solar capacity in the past 3 years? If so, can these be shared?

- Yes. Reports are not yet available.

Yes - no

6. Procurement & Partnerships

- o Does your organisation currently use any third-party companies or frameworks to deliver solar energy solutions or manage installations? If yes, which ones?
- o Are there any upcoming procurement exercises planned relating to solar energy or wider renewable energy solutions?

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7. Battery Storage

- o Do you currently use battery storage alongside your solar panels?
- o Are there plans to invest in battery storage in future?

- No

8. Funding

- o Has your organisation accessed or applied for any external funding to support solar energy projects (e.g. SALIX, Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme, LEP funding)?

- Yes

9. Barriers

- o What are the main barriers your organisation faces to further adoption of solar energy (e.g. funding, planning restrictions, roof suitability, internal resource)?

- The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust operates a Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Contract. The hospital buildings are not owned by the Trust but by Summit Healthcare (Dudley) Ltd who the Trust has the PFI contract with. The contract allows the Trust to use the buildings to provide its clinical services. Summit Healthcare (Dudley) Ltd are responsible for providing the estates and facility management services.

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Yours sincerely

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