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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 consider this a formal request under the Freedom of Information Act. I would be grateful if you could provide the information requested below, related to the energy contracts within your NHS trust.

1. In relation to your Electricity contract(s):

- 1.1. name of current supplier?
- 1.2. start date of current contract?
- 1.3. end date of current contract?
- 1.4. total number of meters?
- 1.5. agreed unit prices pence per kWh (average or range)?
- 1.6. standing charges pence per day (average or range)?
- 1.7. total annual volume of electricity supplied for the last year?
- 1.8. any other fixed fees pence per day (e.g. capacity charges)?
- 1.9. is a future contract already agreed following the end of the current contract?
- 1.10. if so, what is the duration of the new contract?
- 1.11. total amount paid to your supplier in each of the last 3 financial years?
- 1.12. was your contract procured through the CCS (Crown Commercial Service) or another basket/framework, and if so which one?
- 1.13. what notice period/break clause (if any) exist within your current contract/framework?
- 1.14. what is the earliest date on which notice can be served?
- 1.15. is your contract a fixed price contract, or a flexible contract (where prices can vary according to market prices and when you purchase)?
- 1.16. was an energy broker used in the procurement of your electricity contract? If so which one?
- 1.17. if a broker was used what commission was paid to the broker (in pence per kWh and total £ amount)?
- 1.18. do you have any power purchase agreements (PPAs) in place with any renewable electricity generators?
- 1.19. If so can you provide details?
- 1.20. what proportion of your electricity was sourced from renewable sources?

2. In relation to your Gas contract(s):

- 2.1. name of current supplier?
- 2.2. start date of current contract?
- 2.3. end date of current contract?
- 2.4. total number of meters?
- 2.5. agreed unit prices pence per kWh (average or range)?

- 2.6. standing charges pence per day (average or range)?
- 2.7. total annual volume of gas supplied for the last year?
- 2.8. any other fixed fees pence per day (e.g. capacity charges)?
- 2.9. is a future contract already agreed following the end of the current contract?
- 2.10. if so what is the duration of the new contract?
- 2.11. total amount paid to your supplier in each of the last 3 financial years?
- 2.12. was your contract procured through the CCS (Crown Commercial Service) or another basket/framework, and if so which one?
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Question 1 and 2 –

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 and their partner Mitie are responsible for providing the estates and facilities management services which includes the energy supply.

To see more on our PFI Partners please go to the Trust website [Private Finance Initiative partners - The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust](#)

Information on NHS Trust energy demand is publicly available via the ERIC data returns: [Estates Returns Information Collection - NHS England Digital](#)

3. In relation to your sustainability activities:

- 3.1. what are the Trust's priorities in regard to a net zero pathway?

The Trust's priorities centre on delivering a clear, evidence-based pathway to achieving NHS Net Zero targets by 2040 (for directly controlled emissions) and 2045 (for wider supply chain emissions). Our approach focuses on integrating sustainability within clinical, operational, and strategic decision-making to ensure carbon reduction aligns with improvements in patient care, resilience, and efficiency.

Key priorities include:

- **Decarbonising the estate and energy systems:** phasing out fossil fuel heating (including oil boilers) and investing in heat decarbonisation, renewable energy, and improved building efficiency for the retained estate. Whilst working with our PFI provider to support us on our net-zero journey by delivering net-zero projects via lifecycle opportunities and energy optimisation. We are working with the Midlands Net Zero Hub to develop a detailed Heat Decarbonisation Plan which will outline the opportunities and level of investment required to deliver these projects.
- **Embedding sustainability in clinical care:** working with clinical teams to reduce high-carbon practices, such as unnecessary single-use plastics, medicine waste, and over-testing, as well as, getting the basics right by supporting patients to use the bathroom first and reduce the overall demand on single-use products where possible. Supporting virtual consultations, preventative health approaches, and community-based care in line with the NHS Long Term Plan.
- **Travel and transport:** enabling staff to use active and sustainable travel modes through various offers and discounts, as well as improving our on-site facilities such as cycle storage and changing rooms.
- **Procurement and waste:** working with suppliers to reduce emissions in the goods and services we buy and improving waste segregation and recycling across clinical and non-clinical areas.

- **Engagement and leadership: ensuring every department contributes to the Trust's Green Plan through Green Teams, staff training, and embedding sustainability in quality and governance frameworks.**

3.2. what carbon reporting you have in place, or plans to put in place?

The Trust measures and reports on the 'NHS Carbon Footprint' and parts of the 'NHS Carbon Footprint +' on an annual basis. Data is collated from multiple sources, including the ERIC returns. These carbon reports don't supersede the NHSE carbon reporting, which is measured on a different frequency. NHSE have shared detailed reports for the Trust for the financial year 2019/20 for the full scope of carbon emissions.

The Trust's annual carbon footprint gives us an overview of progress against the NHSE net-zero carbon targets:

- **For our direct emissions (NHS Carbon Footprint), we aim to achieve a 47% reduction by 2032 from the 2019/20 baseline, and net zero by 2040.**
- **For our indirect emissions (NHS Carbon Footprint Plus), we aim to achieve a 73% reduction by 2039 from the 2019/20 baseline, and net zero by 2045.**

3.3. please provide the contact details for the Energy, ESG or Sustainability lead within the Trust.

Sustainability Lead, Ninette Harris: Ninette.harris@nhs.net or dgft.greenteam@nhs.net

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust**

