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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

**Sustainability**

1. Does the Trust have a dedicated Sustainability Lead? If so, please provide their name and email address

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2. Does the Trust have a sustainability plan to achieve NHS Net Zero and if so, please could a copy or link to the plan be provided in response to this FOI?

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust’s Green Plan is currently in draft form aiming to be ratified in September 2021, this will include targets to 2025 and a longer term target of net zero carbon in line with A Net Zero National Health Service and NHS Long Term Plan targets.

3. Does the Trust foresee any challenges in meeting the targets set out in NHS Net Zero? Please choose from the options below

Question	Yes	No
1) Accurately creating a baseline and target for emissions reduction		X
2) Meeting the CHG targets for NHS Net Zero	X	
3) Assigning resource to meeting key milestones or objectives to achieve NHS Net Zero		X
4) Budget and costs required to achieve net zero	X	
5) Accessing Innovations In industry to help the NHS achieve net zero		X
6) Gaining internal collaboration across all departments and functions		X
7) Gaining engagement to achieve net zero from suppliers (scope 3)	X	

4. Does the Trust have a designated budget set aside to make environmental improvements? if so, what are the amounts?

<b>FY22/23</b>	-
<b>FY23/24</b>	-
<b>FY24/25</b>	-

There is no ring fenced funding but expects sustainability to be included in capital schemes where appropriate. We have entered into an Energy Performance contract that looks specifically to advance sustainability opportunities.

5. Is the Trust participating in one of the 40 Net Zero Carbon Hospital Standard Framework builds? if yes, please provide site information together with the start and completion dates for build.

The Trust is part of the Health Infrastructure program. We are currently at the initial stages of the business case process so dates for construction have not been agreed.

6. Is the Trust working towards discouraging petrol or diesel cars onsite across the Trust estate? if yes is there a date for introducing this measure and any further detail you can provide?

This will be something which is considered as part of the production of the Trust's new Green Plan.

7. What organisations or information sources does the Sustainability Lead and/or Trust consult, to broaden their knowledge of key sustainability initiatives, to seek guidance and inspiration or to research ?

The Trust works with the Care without Carbon team based at Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust, collaborating on sustainability and sharing resources across the Sussex ICS. This is alongside participating in regional, national projects and schemes relating to sustainability.

Please highlight the statement/s which most closely relate to the Trusts belief in sustainability and value

The Trust believes that, as new technologies and access to better, more sustainable materials evolves, this should have no cost increase of equipment and consumables.
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8. Does the Trust have plans to improve or focus on any of the following net zero themes in the next two years (please highlight or add a mark next to as many options that apply)

Building and Environmental Infrastructure	Upgrading and improving existing buildings	X
	Optimising buildings	X
	New builds with sustainable requirements (please specify what the requirements are and what buildings are planned)	X - as part of the Hospital Improvement Project.
	Biodiversity planting, storm roofs, sustainably sourced cladding	
Energy Consumption	Real time energy monitoring technology	X
	Onsite renewable energy and heat generation	
	Removing oil and coal heating systems	
Capital Equipment updates across Theatres with sustainable features and technology		
Capital Equipment updates across CSSD with sustainable features and technology		

<b>MedTech and Technology investment to minimise the use of paper and storage/archive requirements</b>			
<b>Better waste management arrangements (minimising landfill)</b>		X	
<b>Fleet Management</b>	<b>Green Fleet Review</b>		
	<b>EV Logistics and Ambulances</b>		
	<b>EV Lease Options</b>	X	
	<b>Free EV parking onsite or other patient or visitor initiatives to discourage the use of petrol or diesel vehicles on site?</b>		
<b>Supply Chain</b>	<b>Reduction in single use plastic</b>	X	
	<b>Low Carbon Emission supply chain (Moving to European or UK manufactured products)</b>		
	<b>Metal Instrument Reprocessing</b>	X	
	<b>Device Reuse and Refurbishment</b>	X	
	<b>Zero paper-based procurement approaches</b>	X	
	<b>Process and Product Innovation</b>		
	<b>Bio-based polymers</b>		
	<b>Electrified logistics and freight requirements</b>		
	<b>Commitment to NHS net zero suppliers only</b>		
	<b>Increased weighting in tenders to Sustainability and social value (please specify estimated percentage weighting increase if relevant)</b>	X	
	<b>Decarbonised Construction and sustainable building methods/technologies</b>		
	<b>Supply Chain Innovation</b>	<b>Supplier contributions to ongoing innovation and research in the</b>	

	<b>field of environmental sustainability Pilots with key NHS Suppliers</b>	
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### **Social Value (Procurement and Initiatives)**

9. **Does the Trust include social value and community engagement within their definition of “Sustainability?”**

The Trust will be looking at incorporating Social Value considerations into the next iteration of the Green Plan. Community engagement will be considered as an extension to staff engagement on sustainability.

10. **Does the Trust champion or participate in any social value projects? If yes, please can you provide a top-level list of projects ongoing or that are planned in the next 24 months**

Not at present.

11. **Does the Trust prioritise particular themes as part of their social value and community engagement activity?**

Not at present.

12. **Will social value become part of the Trusts tender scoring process for suppliers in the next 12-24 months? if yes, how will this be weighted (an estimate is fine)**

Incorporating social value into tenders will be considered as one of the actions to be incorporating into the Trust’s Green Plan.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust’s response to your request, please write to Lynette Wells, Director of Corporate Affairs, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust ([lynette.wells2@nhs.net](mailto:lynette.wells2@nhs.net)) quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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