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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:

**We are requesting information about how you report the carbon footprint of your medicines to assist us in developing solutions to support the NHS Net Zero strategy. This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.**

**The questions below relate to medicines carbon footprint reporting for East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust.**

**Question 1: Do you calculate the carbon footprint of medicines? Yes/No.**

No.

**Question 2: What was the carbon footprint of medicines for 2021?**

**Answer 2: \_\_\_\_\_ tonnes CO2e (or other units - please specify)**

Not applicable.

**Question 3: How did you calculate the carbon footprint of medicines in 2021?**

**Answer 3: Please select one of the following**

- 1. Top-down - we use a factor which converts spend to carbon footprint.**
- 2. Top-down + bottom-up - we use a spend-based factor for most medicines and specific (bottom-up) carbon footprint calculations for others (e.g. inhalers and/or anaesthetics. Please specify for which medicines you use bottom-up calculations.**
- 3. Other - Please specify.**

Not applicable.

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**Question 4: For top-down calculations what factor did you use?**

**Answer 4:** \_\_\_\_\_ kilograms or tonnes CO2e per £ spent (or other units - please specify)

Not applicable.

**Question 5: Do you update the factor used?**

**Answer 5: Select one of the following**

1. The factor is updated yearly
2. The same factor is used every year
3. The factor is updated less frequently than yearly

Not applicable.

**Question 6: Why did you use this factor?**

**Answer 6: Please provide as much detail as possible including when and who supplied this factor.**

Not applicable.

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, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department ([esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

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