

EIR REF: 25/578

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ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS ACT

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

- 1) **The NHS in England has set targets to reach net zero by 2040 for direct emissions. Does your organisation have a clear roadmap of how you're going to reach this target?**

Yes, our green plan is published on our website, via the following link:

[Corporate publications – East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust](#)

- 2) **What significant changes have you made – if any – since this goal was set in 2020? Select all that apply:**

- Upgraded our building systems ✓
- Adopted technology to monitor and optimise energy use ✓
- Digitised electrical infrastructure and energy sources ✓
- Invested in renewable technologies ✓
- Implemented circular business practices ✓
- Other: please state ✓

Re-clad the external facades of Eastbourne District Hospital and insulated and re-roofed the hospital.

- 3) **Does your organisation currently measure its total carbon footprint?**

Yes.

- 4a) **Has your organisation received funding to spend on decarbonisation?**

Yes, as part of the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme.

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4b) If yes, where has this funding been spent?

- Upgrading heating, lighting and ventilation
- Installing solar panels or other forms of renewable energy
- Carbon capture and storage solutions
- Energy-efficient technologies and equipment such as LED lighting, HVAC systems
- Training and awareness programmes
- Other: please state

The Trust have spent the funding as follows:

- Replacement of Steam boilers with an integrated Air Source and Water Source Heat Pump System to provide all hot water for heating and domestic hot water provision
- Installation of 1.1MW of Solar Panels to offset some of the cost of running the ASHP and WSHP

5) What percentage of your energy consumption from fossil fuels?

- 0-10%
- 11-20%
- 21-30%
- 31-40%
- 41-50%
- 51-60%
- 61-70%
- 71-80%
- 81-90%
- 91-100% ✓

91-100% (we generate around 2% of our overall electrical needs from solar, the rest of our energy is purchased through the CCS scheme).

6) What was your total energy bill in 2024?

Electricity	£4.1m
Gas	£3.78m
Total	£7.88m

7) Has this increased, decreased or stayed the same compared to 2023?

This has increased slightly.

8) What steps, if any, have been taken to try and reduce energy bills?

Information regarding steps that have been taken to reduce energy bills can be found on the Trust website via the following link:

<https://www.esht.nhs.uk/about-us/strategy-and-future-plans/key-projects/net-zero-carbon/>

In addition, we install only LED lighting to reduce energy consumption, we have installed thermostatic radiator valves and continue to do so to provide local control on heating requirements. Our heating systems are outside air compensated to avoid over heating spaces. We work closely with our colleagues at SCFT (Care Without Carbon Team) to minimise our energy consumption.

9) What is the trust's maintenance budget?

Approximately £17m across Pay and Non pay for Estates and Clinical Engineering.

10) What percentage is spent on emergency repairs compared to planned maintenance?

Due to the age of our estate, it is around a 50% / 50% split between planned and reactive.

11) How many equipment failures have been reported in 2024?

Clarification was sought asking you to be more specific and confirmation was received as follows:

Any sort of electrical equipment to include onsite generation.

2023 Failure of a control board within the LV switch panel at Bexhill.

2024 Leak in a bathroom at Sussex Premier Health caused a fire in a busbar system in the plant area below.

The Trust have had no other electrical equipment failures of note, including onsite generation.

12) What is the average response time for repairs?

Response times vary depending on the requirement; this can be an immediate response or could take up to 28 days depending on urgency. The Trust carries a range of spares to ensure critical systems and items can be repaired with the minimum of downtime this is backed by comprehensive specialist supply chain partners where appropriate.

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

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Yours sincerely

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