

**Reference Number:** FOI2021/142  
**From:** Private Individual  
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**Subject:** Sustainability and environmental plans

Further to your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please find a response to your questions below.

Q1 Does the Trust have a dedicated Sustainability Lead? If so, please provide their name and email address.

A1 Jonathan Develing, [Jonathan.develing@lhch.nhs.uk](mailto:Jonathan.develing@lhch.nhs.uk)

Q2 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?

A2 Yes. A copy of the plan is available on our website at <http://www.lhch.nhs.uk/about-lhch/our-board-of-directors/board-of-directors-meetings-2020/> please see the Board papers for March 2020.

Separate disclosure is therefore exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 - 'Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means'

Q3 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	✓	
2) Meeting the CHG targets for NHS Net Zero	✓	
3) Assigning resource to meeting key milestones or objectives to achieve NHS Net Zero	✓	
4) Budget and costs required to achieve net zero	✓	
5) Accessing Innovations In industry to help the NHS achieve net zero	✓	
6) Gaining internal collaboration across all departments and functions		✓
7) Gaining engagement to achieve net zero from suppliers (scope 3)		✓

Q4 Does the Trust have a designated budget set aside to make environmental improvements? if so, what are the amounts?

FY22/23	
FY23/24	
FY24/25	

A4 Information not held - whilst there are no designated budgets, the Trust does have a three-year capital program to redesign and refurbish catheter laboratories, theatres and electrical infrastructure. Each of these programs have Green design and initiatives integral from the outset.

Q5 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.

A5 No

Q6 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?

A6 Yes. Application for EV Charging Points approved April 2021

Q7 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?

A7 National Policy  
Sharing best practice with NHS Trusts locally and Nationally  
Sustainability and Development planning Guidance and resource packs

Q8 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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Q9 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 in the table below:)

A9	<b>Building and Environmental Infrastructure</b>	Upgrading and improving existing buildings	✓
		Optimising buildings	✓
		New builds with sustainable requirements (please specify what the requirements are and what buildings are planned)	n/a
		Biodiversity planting, storm roofs, sustainably sourced cladding	X
	<b>Energy Consumption</b>	Real time energy monitoring technology	✓
		Onsite renewable energy and heat generation	✓
		Removing oil and coal heating systems	✓
	<b>Capital Equipment updates across Theatres with sustainable features and technology</b>	✓	
	<b>Capital Equipment updates across CSSD with sustainable features and technology</b>		
	<b>MedTech and Technology investment to minimise the</b>	✓	

use of paper and storage/archive requirements		
Better waste management arrangements (minimising landfill)	✓	
Fleet Management	Green Fleet Review	n/a
	EV Logistics and Ambulances	✓
	EV Lease Options	✓
	Free EV parking onsite or other patient or visitor initiatives to discourage the use of petrol or diesel vehicles on site?	✓
Supply Chain	Reduction in single use plastic	✓
	Low Carbon Emission supply chain (Moving to European or UK manufactured products)	✓
	Metal Instrument Reprocessing	✓
	Device Reuse and Refurbishment	✓
	Zero paper-based procurement approaches	✓
	Process and Product Innovation	✓
	Bio-based polymers	✓
	Electrified logistics and freight requirements	n/a
	Commitment to NHS net zero suppliers only	

	Increased weighting in tenders to Sustainability and social value (please specify estimated percentage weighting increase if relevant)	✓
	Decarbonised Construction and sustainable building methods/technologies	✓
<b>Supply Chain Innovation</b>	Supplier contributions to ongoing innovation and research in the field of environmental sustainability Pilots with key NHS Suppliers	✓

Q10 Does the Trust include social value and community engagement within their definition of "Sustainability"?

A10 Yes

Q11 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

A11 Not directly but does so through other partnership forums

Q12 Does the Trust prioritise particular themes as part of their social value and community engagement activity?

A12 Not directly but does so through other partnership forums

Q13 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)

A13 Information not held – This is currently under review with an intent to include in the future