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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 10 February 2021 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to decarbonisation in healthcare and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. Do you have on-site Electric Vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure for staff, patients and the wider community?

Yes, we already have EV infrastructure on-site.	✓ Darlington Memorial Hospital & University Hospital North Durham: Implementation has started March 2021
No, but we plan to have on-site EV infrastructure in the near future (within the next 5 years)	✓ Bishop Auckland Hospital
No, but we are in the early planning phases of implement EV infrastructure	N/A
No, we have no current plans to introduce on-site EV charging infrastructure	N/A
Other, please specify	N/A

2. What if any impact do you think Electric Vehicle (EV) charging would have on your existing electrical infrastructure (please select all those that apply)?

I do not foresee any impact	✓ With the existing number of outlets
I will need greater electrical capacity in my infrastructure	N/A
I may incur additional energy costs	✓

through a greater peak demand	
I have the potential to create new revenue streams from my infrastructure	✓

3. What other decarbonisation technology have you/will you be adopting in the near future (within the next 5 years) *Tick all that apply*

Lighting upgrades	✓
Increased building control and automation	✓
Upgrades in insulation	✓
We don't have any decarbonisation initiatives in place/planned in the near future (within the next 1-5 years)	N/A

4. Is your hospital currently participating in selling energy back to the grid through energy storage technology?

Yes, we are	N/A
No, we are not but we plan to in the near future (next 1-5 years)	N/A
No, we are not and we don't currently plan to	✓

5. Is your NHS Trust on track to meet its emissions reduction / decarbonisation targets as part of the overall NHS commitment to achieve a [‘net zero’ national health service?](#)”

Yes – we're actually tracking ahead at the moment	N/A
Yes – we're on track to meet our decarbonisation targets	✓
No – we're behind on our decarbonisation targets at the moment	N/A
I don't know – we don't have clear or set emissions reduction (or decarbonisation) targets / we don't have a specific plan in place to reduce emissions	N/A

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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