

## Freedom of Information Request

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### Information Requested:

I would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, the following information regarding your operations.

1. Has your organisation acquired any Internet of Things (IoT) devices in the last 36 months?  
[We can neither confirm nor deny whether some of the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested is not held in an easily retrievable format, but may be recorded in individual records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: cost of compliance is excessive. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all health records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for.](#)

2. What was the budget allocated for these projects?  
[Please see response to question 2.](#)

3. What did these projects encompass?  
[Please see response to question 2.](#)

4. Does your organisation have an energy/metering monitoring platform?  
[Not at present.](#)

5. If so, which one is it, and what is the annual cost of this platform?  
[N/A](#)

6. Is there any form of analytics software within your estate's portfolio?  
[No.](#)

7. Do your buildings incorporate Building Management Systems (BMS) or Building Energy Management Systems (BEMS)?  
[BMS systems to our Priority One sites.](#)

8. If so, which manufacturer's software do you utilise for these systems?  
[IQ Vision](#)

9. Additionally, what is the manufacturer of the hardware used for these systems?  
[Trend](#)

10. How much is expended on the annual maintenance of these systems?  
[£20,000 capital](#)

11. Who bears responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of the BMS?

The Estates Team

12. Has your organisation appointed a nominated energy manager?

Trust are due to appoint a new energy and sustainability officer in the near future.

13. Does your organisation have a plan in place to achieve carbon net-zero emissions?

The Trust are looking at options to decarbonise the estate.

14. If such a plan exists, could you kindly provide access to the details of this plan?

The Trust are looking at options to decarbonise the estate.

15. Are there any strategies or plans in progress to decarbonise heating systems within your estate?

The Trust are working with Salix to identify options to decarbonise the estate. No decisions have been made yet.

16. If so, may I request information on these heat decarbonisation plans?

We do not have anything to share at present. Once we do we will pass through the various approval committees before sharing with any external agencies.

17. Has your organisation received any public funding to support the decarbonisation efforts within your estate?

The Trust has received some Salix funding to look at options for decarbonisation.

18. If funding has been received, please specify the funding source and the amount received.

Trust has received Salix funding to the tune of £71k.

**Section 12 (Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit):**

- (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not exempt the public authority from its obligation to comply with paragraph (a) of section 1(1) unless the estimated cost of complying with that paragraph alone would exceed the appropriate limit.
- (3) In subsections (1) and (2) “the appropriate limit” means such amount as may be prescribed, and different amounts may be prescribed in relation to different cases.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide that, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, where two or more requests for information are made to a public authority—
  - (a) by one person, or

- (b) by different persons who appear to the public authority to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign, the estimated cost of complying with any of the requests is to be taken to be the estimated total cost of complying with all of them.
  
- (5) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for the purposes of this section as to the costs to be estimated and as to the manner in which they are to be estimated

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