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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Carbon Footprint of Medicines in 2024

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold some of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
1. Do you calculate the carbon footprint of medicines? Yes/No	No			
2. What was the carbon footprint of medicines for 2024? tonnes CO2e (or other units - please specify)	1374tCO2e for Entonox and Nitrous Oxide emissions			
3. How did you calculate the carbon footprint of medicines in 2024? • Please select one of the following a. Top-down - we use a factor which converts spend to carbon footprint. b. 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. c. Other - Please specify.	c. Other – NHS England hold some data centrally – The Trust does not calculate.			
4. For top-down calculations what factor did you use? kilograms or tonnes CO2e per £ spent (or other units - please specify)	N/A			
5. Do you update the factor used? • Select one of the following	N/A			

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a. The factor is updated yearly b. The same factor is used every year c. The factor is updated less frequently than yearly				
6. Why did you use this factor? Please provide as much detail as possible including when and who supplied this factor.	NHS England provide Carbon Footprint of Nitrous Oxide and Nitrous Oxide and Air used within the Trust			

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

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Yours faithfully

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