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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 2nd October 2025. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Requested information:

Please consider this a formal request under the Freedom of Information Act. I would be grateful if you could provide the information requested below, related to the energy contracts within your NHS Trust.

In relation to your Electricity contract(s):

1. Name of current supplier. **EDF**
2. Start date of current contract. **01/04/2025**
3. End date of current contract. **31/03/2026**
4. Total number of meters. **29**
5. Agreed unit prices pence per kWh (average or range).
 - **£0.200088 per kWh (Day)**
 - **£0.167749 per kWh (Night)**
6. Standing charges pence per day (average or range). **27 pence per day.**
7. Total annual volume of electricity supplied for the last year. **2024/25- 2,866,181.47 kWh.**
8. Any other fixed fees pence per day (e.g. capacity charges).
 - **Average Site Fee £0.016438 per day**
 - **Agreed Availability Charge at £2.85 per Kva**
 - **Data Collection (DC/DA) Agent Charge at £0.6821918 per day**
 - **Meter Operation (MOP) Agent Charge at £0.4521 per day**
 - **Communications Line (COMMS) Charge at £0.822 per day**
 - **Meter Asset Provider (MAP) Charge at £0.60081 per day**
 - **CCL at 0.00775 pence per kWh**
9. Is a future contract already agreed following the end of the current contract? **No**
10. If so, what is the duration of the new contract? **All utility contracts are 12 months.**
11. Total amount paid to your supplier in each of the last 3 financial years.

- **2022/2023 Value £822,899**
 - **2023/2024 Value £997,263**
 - **2024/2025 Value £597,631**
12. Was your contract procured through the CCS (Crown Commercial Service) or another basket/ framework, and if so which one? **Yes- CCS, NHSE basket**
 13. What notice period/ break clause (if any) exist within your current contract/framework? **N/A**
 14. What is the earliest date on which notice can be served? **1 month**
 15. Is your contract a fixed price contract, or a flexible contract (where prices can vary according to market prices and when you purchase)? **Fixed Price Contract**
 16. Was an energy broker used in the procurement of your electricity contract? If so which one? **No**
 17. If a broker was used what commission was paid to the broker (in pence per kWh and total £ amount)? **N/A**
 18. Do you have any power purchase agreements (PPAs) in place with any renewable electricity generators? **No**
 19. If so can you provide details? **N/A**
 20. What proportion of your electricity was sourced from renewable sources? **Around 90% of electricity is sourced from Zero Carbon for Business, Sourced from zero carbon nuclear generation, the remaining 10% the Trust does not have control over who supplies the electricity as these are leased sites.**

In relation to your Gas contract(s):

1. Name of current supplier. **Total Energies**
2. Start date of current contract. **01/04/2025**
3. End date of current contract. **31/03/2025**
4. Total number of meters? **17**
5. Agreed unit prices pence per kWh (average or range). **3.2635 per kWh**
6. Standing charges pence per day (average or range). **54 pence per day**
7. Total annual volume of gas supplied for the last year. **For 2024/25 4,985,142.2 kWh**
8. Any other fixed fees pence per day (e.g. capacity charges) **Average CCL at 0.775p/kWh**
9. Is a future contract already agreed following the end of the current contract? **No**
10. If so what is the duration of the new contract? **All utility contracts are 12 months.**
11. Total amount paid to your supplier in each of the last 3 financial years? **£285,236**
12. Was your contract procured through the CCS (Crown Commercial Service) or another basket/ framework, and if so which one? **Yes- CCS, NHSE basket**
13. What notice period/break clauses (if any) exist within your current contract/ framework? **N/A**
14. What is the earliest date on which notice can be served? **3 months before contract end date**
15. Is your contract a fixed price contract, or a flexible contract (where prices can vary according to market prices and when you purchase)? **Fixed Price Contract**
16. Was an energy broker used in the procurement of your electricity contract? If so which one? **No**

17. If a broker was used what commission was paid to the broker (in pence per kWh and total £ amount)? **N/A**

In relation to your sustainability activities:

- What are the Trust's priorities in regard to a net zero pathway?
Our priorities are aligned to the duties placed upon us by The Health and Care Act 2022 to consider statutory emissions and environmental targets in our decisions. We are expected to meet these duties through the delivery of our board-approved green plan. Our Green Plan 2025 – 2028 sets out the key actions our Trust will take to deliver emissions reductions and support resilience to climate impacts over the next three years. A copy of our Green Plan can be found here [Combined Healthcare publishes Green Plan for 2025-28 - North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust](#)
- What carbon reporting you have in place, or plans to put in place?
As an NHS provider we report on carbon emissions through a structured framework led by NHS England's Net Zero Strategy.

The NHS 'Delivering a Net Zero National Health Service' report (2020) considers NHS emissions across three scopes:

- **Scope 1: Direct emissions from owned or directly controlled sources, on site**
- **Scope 2: Indirect emissions from the generation of purchased energy, mostly electricity**
- **Scope 3: All other indirect emissions that occur in producing and transporting goods and services, including the full supply chain**

The ERIC (Estates Returns Information Collection) plays a critical supporting role within the NHS England's Net Zero Strategy framework. ERIC includes data relevant to carbon emissions reporting and is a mandatory annual data collection for all NHS Trusts. It contributes to carbon emissions reporting by collecting:

- **Energy usage data (electricity, gas, renewables)**
- **Waste volumes and treatment types**
- **Water consumption**
- **Effluent and emissions data**

We have created a carbon baseline against which we monitor and compare our annual CO2e emissions, which also includes emission data from our fleet vehicles, transport and business travel.

- Please provide the contact details for the Energy, ESG or Sustainability lead within the Trust.
Staff email addresses are exempt as they constitute personal data and would contravene the principles of the Data Protection Act 2018 (in accordance with qualified exemption S40 (2)(a) of the FOI Act).

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review of the management of your request. 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: Dr Buki Adeyemo, Chief Executive, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust, Trust Headquarters, Lawton House, Bellringer Road, Trentham, ST4 8HH. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



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