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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 220112.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

I am requesting data on the cost, and the number ordered of each item, in the year 2021.

- **Disposable cups (of each kind if more than one kind is ordered - I.e. vegware, plastic, foam etc)**
- **Plastic spoons**
- **Long life milk pots**
- **Sugar sachets**
- **Sweetener sachets**

I am requesting this information as the NHS as a whole is responsible for 5.4% of the UK's carbon footprint (aviation industry is only 1.6% higher), and I would like to gather some data on how many non-clinical non-recyclable disposable items SECamb contributes towards this, and whether staff are able to use recycling bins onsite.

This information is not recorded and would require detailed investigation and significant calculations that would exceed the cost limit of the FOI.

However in the spirit of FOI we can advise that we spend approx. £20k per year on these items. We have installed recycling bins on all our sites for staff. The Trust has also issued reusable cups and metal cutlery etc for staff use, where practical.

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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