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Internal Ref: 251041
Email:

Dear,

The trust acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) request, referenced above. Please ensure you quote this number in any future correspondence.

FOI Request

You asked us:

We are requesting information about how you report the carbon footprint of your medicines to assist us in developing solutions to support the NHS Net Zero strategy. This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The questions below relate to medicines carbon footprint reporting for South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust in 2024.

Question 1: Do you calculate the carbon footprint of medicines?

Answer 1: Yes/No

Question 2: What was the carbon footprint of medicines for 2024?

Answer 2: _____ tonnes CO₂e (or other units - please specify)

Question 3: How did you calculate the carbon footprint of medicines in 2024?

Answer 3: *Please select one of the following*

- 1. Top-down - we use a factor which converts spend to carbon footprint.**
- 2. 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.*

3. Other - Please specify.

Question 4: For top-down calculations what factor did you use?

Answer 4: _____ kilograms or tonnes CO2e per £ spent (*or other units - please specify*)

Question 5: Do you update the factor used?

Answer 5: Select one of the following

1. The factor is updated yearly
2. The same factor is used every year
3. The factor is updated less frequently than yearly

Question 6: Why did you use this factor?

Answer 6: Please provide as much detail as possible including when and who supplied this factor.

Formal Response

The Trust confirms it does not hold the information you have requested.

Question 1: Do you calculate the carbon footprint of medicines?

Answer 1: No

The rest of the questions are therefore not applicable.

Next steps

Please note you will be able to source a lot of information which is made available on our website.

Should you be dissatisfied with our response then in the first instance please contact Richard Banks, Head of Corporate Governance, via the following email address: FOI@secamb.nhs.uk

You can ask us to review our original response. If you would like us to carry out an internal review, please let us know within 40 working days of you receiving our original response. This review will be conducted by an individual who was not directly involved in reviewing the original response, ordinarily, the Trust Data Protection Officer.

We will endeavour to complete this request within 20 working days.



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Alternatively, the ICO's postal address is:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

**Freedom of Information Coordinator
South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust**



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