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Subject: Sustainability and sustainable development.

## REQUEST

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, related to your organisation's current approach to sustainability and sustainable development.

The information that I am seeking to collect is as follows:

1. Could you please confirm whether your organisation has a sustainability or sustainable development strategy.
  - a. If possible, please provide a copy.
2. If you answered yes to the first question can you confirm:
  - a. Whether there is a strategy group or work/action plan in place to support this strategy?
  - b. When the strategy was first developed within the organisation (year).
3. Is there an identified Executive Sponsor for sustainability within the organisation?
4. Are any members of staff dedicated to sustainability or sustainable development within the organisation? If so, how many hours per week are dedicated to this area of work, what is their job title and what Agenda for Change pay band are they?
5. Does your organisation have any environmental champions? If so, how many?
6. Do you offer any sustainability training for your staff? If so, what format is this delivered in (e.g. face to face, e-learning, etc)?

7. Is your organisation 'paperless'?
  - a. For NHS Trusts and CCGs providing clinical services (such as Continuing Health Care), if not, what year do you anticipate fulfilling the NHS target to fully digitise clinical records?
8. Have you engaged with the NHS Sustainable Development Unit over the past five years? If so, could you provide the names of the project titles that you worked with them on.
9. Does your organisation assess its impact on the environment when making decisions through use of a sustainability framework or another similar tool?

## RESPONSE

1. Could you please confirm whether your organisation has a sustainability or sustainable development strategy.

**STHK has a Sustainable Development Management Plan that is aligned with the NHS Sustainable Development Unit's Sustainable Development Strategy 2014-2020.**

- a) If possible, please provide a copy

**This is available on the STHK website at:**

<http://www.sthk.nhs.uk/about/trust-publications/sustainable-development-management-plan>

2. If you answered yes to the first question can you confirm:
  - a) Whether there is a strategy group or work/action plan in place to support this strategy?

**Yes, detailed in SDMP.**

- b) When the strategy was first developed within the organisation (year).

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3. Is there an identified Executive Sponsor for sustainability within the organisation?

**Yes**

4. Are any members of staff dedicated to sustainability or sustainable development within the organisation? If so, how many hours per week

are dedicated to this area of work, what is their job title and what Agenda for Change pay band are they?

**The Trust does not employ anyone to wholly manage the sustainability agenda. Our PFI partners Vinci FM employ a member of staff to manage energy, waste and sustainability on our behalf.**

5. Does your organisation have any environmental champions? If so, how many?

**The Trust does not currently have environmental champions.**

6. Do you offer any sustainability training for your staff? If so, what format is this delivered in (e.g. face to face, e-learning, etc)?

**The Trust currently does not offer sustainability training to its staff.**

7. Is your organisation 'paperless'?

**No**

- a) For NHS Trusts and CCGs providing clinical services (such as Continuing Health Care), if not, what year do you anticipate fulfilling the NHS target to fully digitise clinical records?

**We have an ongoing programme to remove paper from our processes within the Trust. It is anticipated that we will be paper light by 2023.**

8. Have you engaged with the NHS Sustainable Development Unit over the past five years? If so, could you provide the names of the project titles that you worked with them on.

**Yes: Sustainability Day 2013, sustainability Day 2014, Sustainability Day 2017, Sustainability Day 2018 and the planning for Sustainability Day 2020.**

9. Does your organisation assess its impact on the environment when making decisions through use of a sustainability framework or another similar tool?

**Yes**