

## Environmental Information Regulations Request 572-19

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### Request

- 1) Does your health board measure its total carbon footprint? If so, what is it? Please provide in tCO<sub>2</sub>e and specify the date of measurement.
- 2) If your health board has measured its total carbon footprint previously, what was it in:
  - 2015-16
  - 2016-17
  - 2017-18
  - 2018-19Please provide in tCO<sub>2</sub>e.
- 3) How many full-time equivalent (FTE) staff are employed by your health board?
- 4) Does your health board have any targets for reducing carbon emissions? If so, please outline.
- 5) What percentage of your health board energy consumption comes from fossil fuels?
- 6) Is your health board taking any steps to reduce its energy consumption from fossil fuels? If so, please outline these steps.
- 7) What percentage of your health board's vehicle fleet uses:
  - Petrol or diesel vehicles
  - Hybrid vehicles
  - Electric vehicles
- 8) Does your health board have a policy on reducing the use of single-use plastics (including for clinical and/or non-clinical items)? If so, please provide this policy.
- 9) Has your health board received any funding to spend specifically on sustainability? If so, please provide the details.

### Response

1. NHS Borders does measure our carbon footprint. The carbon footprint measurement for utilities for 2019/20 (to 20 January 2020) is 3,963 tCO<sub>2</sub>e
2. Please find below the carbon footprint measurements for utilities for the years requested:
  - 2015/16 – 8,606 tCO<sub>2</sub>e
  - 2016/17 – 7,974 tCO<sub>2</sub>e
  - 2017/18 – 7,554 tCO<sub>2</sub>e
  - 2018/19 – 6,787 tCO<sub>2</sub>e
3. 2,547 FTE staff.
4. NHS Borders has a target of 75% reduction in carbon emissions by 2030, and zero emissions by 2045.

5. 99.98% of our energy consumption comes from fossil fuels, only a small percentage comes from self generation by solar.
6. NHS Borders are taking steps to reduce its energy consumption from fossil fuels by investing in new more efficient technologies including new boilers, electric vehicles and LED light fittings.
7. Currently we use 100% diesel and petrol vehicles but this is under review and we are in the process of purchasing 15 new electric vehicles.
8. NHS Borders currently does not have a dedicated policy on reducing the use of single-use plastics.
9. £46,500 has been received as part of the Switched On Fleets initiative through Transport Scotland, supporting the leasing of 15 electric vehicles arriving in April 2020.

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or [foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk).

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **572-19** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.