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Response Due: 30th May 2023

Date: 24th May 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

If possible, I would like to make an FOI request to obtain the following information via email:

1. The number of registered audits/quality improvement projects/research projects (planned and completed) since October 2020 at your trust.

561 Audit/Quality Improvement projects between Oct 2020 and April 23 with approximately 100 research projects running per year.

2. The number of audits/quality improvement projects/research projects that have an environmental/sustainability focus as part of their agenda.

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3. A breakdown of the topics that the environmental/sustainability audits/quality improvement projects/research projects focus on.

- Appendicectomy, Group and Save and Sustainability.
- Oral vs IV paracetamol: Encouraging the use of oral paracetamol in the perioperative period.
- LED lighting upgrade.
- EV chargers install.
- Combined Heat and Power Unit install.
- Cycle shelters install.
- Steam Trap upgrades.
- Theatre set reviews.
- Switch to Coolsticks from Ethyl Chloride spray.
- Medical Electronics Repair Centre.

- Removal of desflurane
- Decommissioning of Nitrous Oxide Manifolds.
- Heat Decarbonisation Plan.
- Net Zero Strategy.

4. Whether your Trust has a sustainability lead.

Yes

5. Whether your Trust has a sustainability policy included in clinical governance meetings and junior doctor induction materials.

Yes, but this is not included in inductions.

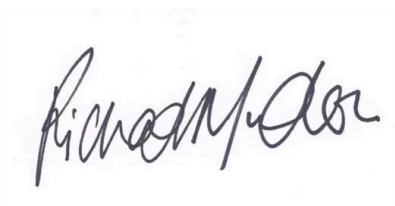
6. Does your trust have a sustainability working group/board and how many clinicians are on this.

Yes - 3

To elaborate, an environmental or sustainability focus might include audits/research projects involving any of: carbon reduction/decarbonization, emissions, energy efficiency, renewables, environmental impact, the use of single use plastics, food waste, sustainability of care models, waste disposal.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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