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Response Due: 24th July 2025

Date: 7th July 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 26th June 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold part of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

Regarding the Great British Energy funding of £100 million made available for the NHS to install rooftop solar panels. With reference to the specific funding awarded to your Trust, could you answer the following questions:

- 1. Is this funding to the Trust new capital or is it accounting for funding already provided through other schemes such as the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme?**
New capital.
- 2. Is this funding to the Trust going to be used on future solar projects, or is it going to cover projects already underway or already delivered?**
Future projects.
- 3. Can you provide the name and contact details for the senior members of staff that are:**
 - **The sponsor for this solar project within the Trust**
 - **The manager that will be responsible for delivering the project**
Tabitha Gardner, Chief Finance Officer.
Josh Balmer, Environmental & Sustainability Manager.

The Trust does not routinely give out email addresses and direct telephone numbers of staff members, as large numbers of unsolicited emails/telephone calls, could cause disruption by blocking email accounts/telephone lines thus preventing true work-related emails/calls from being delivered. However, any of the above staff can be contacted via main switchboard on 01942 244000.

4. In addition to the above can you provide names and contact details for the head of Estates and the Energy Manager at the Trust?

John Fairhurst, Head of Estates.

Josh Balmer, Environmental & Sustainability Manager.

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5. Can you explain the milestones, approvals that the Trust will need to achieve in order to both secure the funding and then begin the procurement process?

The Trust does not hold this information. Please redirect your question to NHS England or Great British Energy at england.contactus@nhs.net and info@gbe.gov.uk. Please write "Freedom of Information" in the subject line of any FOI request.

6. Has the Trust, or a 3rd party on behalf of the Trust, carried out an appropriate analysis/study of suitable rooftop space at the Trust for the solar installation?

Yes.

7. If a 3rd party has carried this out, can you provide the name of the organisation?

No. Contracts have not been signed yet.

8. Has there been any guidance or instruction to the Trust regarding the procurement route to be followed, i.e. a framework, or open procurement, and if so what is that guidance?

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9. If the answer to the previous question is no, has the Trust decided on a procurement approach and if so, what is it?

Please see the above suggested redirection.

10. If the answer to the previous question is no, when will the Trust be clear on the procurement process to be followed?

Please see the above suggested redirection.

11. Has there been a timetable set, either by GBE or NHSE or the Trust, for the timetable through procurement, installation and commissioning? What is that timetable?

The Trust does not hold this information. Please redirect your question to NHS England or Great British Energy at england.contactus@nhs.net and info@gbe.gov.uk. Please write "Freedom of Information" in the subject line of any FOI request.

12. Has there been a date set by GBE or NHSE by which the funding provided has to be utilised?

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13. Does the Trust have any solar PV installed already, prior to the GBE funding? If so; at which sites is it installed; what is the kWp for each site; when was it installed and what was the name of the organisation that installed it?

No.

14. Does the Trust have further plans for solar pv in the future, in addition to that funded by GBE, as part of its Green Plan and delivery of Net Zero objectives? If so, what stage are those plans at?

Yes, planning.

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,



Tabitha Gardner
Chief Finance Officer

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