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Response Due: 30th October 2025

Date: 27th October 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 2nd October 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

I would be grateful if you could provide the information requested below, related to the energy contracts within your NHS trust.

1. In relation to your Electricity contract(s):

a. name of current supplier?

EDF.

b. start date of current contract?

01/04/2025.

c. end date of current contract?

31/03/2029.

d. total number of meters?

51 electricity meters.

e. agreed unit prices pence per kWh (average or range)?

The information is being withheld under Section 43 of the FOI Act. Please see the below.

f. standing charges pence per day (average or range)?

The information is being withheld under Section 43 of the FOI Act. Please see the below.

g. total annual volume of electricity supplied for the last year?

The supply contract has not been in place for 1 year therefore we are unable to provide this information.

h. any other fixed fees pence per day (e.g. capacity charges)?

The information is being withheld under Section 43 of the FOI Act. Please see the below.

i. is a future contract already agreed following the end of the current contract?

No.

j. if so, what is the duration of the new contract?

N/A.

k. total amount paid to your supplier in each of the last 3 financial years?

As this is a new supplier, we are unable to provide this information for the last 3 financial years as it has only been in place since April 2025.

l. was your contract procured through the CCS (Crown Commercial Service) or another basket/framework, and if so which one?

Yes, CCS.

m. what notice period/break clause (if any) exist within your current contract/framework?

None.

n. what is the earliest date on which notice can be served?

N/A.

o. is your contract a fixed price contract, or a flexible contract (where prices can vary according to market prices and when you purchase)?

Flexible.

p. was an energy broker used in the procurement of your electricity contract? If so which one?

No.

q. if a broker was used what commission was paid to the broker (in pence per kWh and total £ amount)?

N/A.

r. do you have any power purchase agreements (PPAs) in place with any renewable electricity generators?

No.

s. If so can you provide details?

N/A.

t. what proportion of your electricity was sourced from renewable sources?

0.

2. In relation to your Gas contract(s):

a. name of current supplier?

Corona.

b. start date of current contract?

01/04/2023.

c. end date of current contract?

31/03/2027.

d. total number of meters?

44 gas meters.

e. agreed unit prices pence per kWh (average or range)?

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f. standing charges pence per day (average or range)?

The information is being withheld under Section 43 of the FOI Act. Please see the below.

g. total annual volume of gas supplied for the last year?

53,923,701kWh in 2024/25.

h. any other fixed fees pence per day (e.g. capacity charges)?

The information is being withheld under Section 43 of the FOI Act. Please see the below.

i. is a future contract already agreed following the end of the current contract?

No.

j. if so what is the duration of the new contract?

N/A.

k. total amount paid to your supplier in each of the last 3 financial years?

This information is being withheld under Section 43 of the FOI Act. Please see the below.

l. was your contract procured through the CCS (Crown Commercial Service) or another basket/framework, and if so which one?

No, CoCH.

m. what notice period/break clauses (if any) exist within your current contract/framework?

N/A.

n. what is the earliest date on which notice can be served?

N/A.

o. is your contract a fixed price contract, or a flexible contract (where prices can vary according to market prices and when you purchase)?

Flexible.

p. was an energy broker used in the procurement of your electricity contract? If so which one?

No, please see the answer to Question 1p.

q. if a broker was used what commission was paid to the broker (in pence per kWh and total £ amount)?

N/A.

3. In relation to your sustainability activities:

a. what are the Trust's priorities in regard to a net zero pathway?

To achieve net zero by 2045.

b. what carbon reporting you have in place, or plans to put in place?

We report on scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions.

c. please provide the contact details for the Energy, ESG or Sustainability lead within the Trust.

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.

Section 43(2) – Commercial interests

Information regarding annual spend has been withheld under section 43(2) of the FOIA if its disclosure would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust.

Section 43 of the FOIA is a qualified exemption and is subject to the Prejudice Test and the Public Interest Test.

Prejudice test

We confirm that we have carried out a full prejudice test and that, on the balance of probability, the Trust's interests would be prejudiced in the event of disclosure. Therefore, we confirm that the Prejudice Test is engaged.

Public interest test

We have also carried out the Public Interest Test to ascertain whether the public interest in disclosure outweighs the public interest in withholding the requested information:

Public interest in disclosure of the information:

- We acknowledge that there is public interest in transparency around how the Trust engages with suppliers and procurement.
- We acknowledge that there is public interest in the Trust's finances.

Public interest in withholding of the information:

- **Protecting public finances** – As a public authority, the Trust must ensure that it obtains the best value for money. Disclosure of the information would be likely to affect the quality of future offers provided to the Trust. It is therefore firmly in the public interest not to disclose any information which would affect commercial offers made to the Trust, which in turn will affect the Trust's finances.
- **Ensuring fair competition** – Information provided to the Trust during the procurement process contains sensitive competition information. It is not in the public interest to disclose information which would affect free and fair competition.
- **Transparency** – We understand that there is public interest in how the Trust engages with suppliers. However, we consider that the information held by the Trust would not significantly further the public understanding of its relationship with these suppliers beyond what has already been disclosed in this response.
- **Reputation damage or loss of confidence** - It is firmly in the public interest that the Trust takes all steps to protect its reputation around information handling. It is not in the public interest to do anything which would jeopardise our ability to maintain strong working relationships with third parties.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Gardner', on a light-colored background.

Tabitha Gardner
Chief Finance Officer

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wroughton, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Helpline number: 0303 123 111