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Our Ref: FOI/04472

Thank you for your request concerning Carbon Footprint Of Medicines.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

We are requesting information about how you report the carbon footprint of your medicines to assist us in developing solutions to support the NHS Net Zero strategy. This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The questions below relate to medicines carbon footprint reporting for Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust.

Question 1: Do you calculate the carbon footprint of medicines?

No, this is not recorded information¹

Question 2: What was the carbon footprint of medicines for 2021?

Answer 2: _____ tonnes CO2e (or other units - please specify)

Not applicable.

Question 3: How did you calculate the carbon footprint of medicines in 2021?

Answer 3: Please select one of the following

- 1. Top-down - we use a factor which converts spend to carbon footprint.**
- 2. Top-down + bottom-up - we use a spend-based factor for most medicines and specific (bottom-up) carbon footprint calculations for others (e.g. inhalers and/or anaesthetics. Please specify for which medicines you use bottom-up calculations.**
- 3. Other - Please specify.**

Not applicable.

Question 4: For top-down calculations what factor did you use?

Answer 4: _____ kilograms or tonnes CO2e per £ spent (or other units - please specify)

Not applicable.

Question 5: Do you update the factor used?

Answer 5: Select one of the following

¹ Section 1(1) Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled (a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and (b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.

1. The factor is updated yearly
2. The same factor is used every year
3. The factor is updated less frequently than yearly

Not applicable.

Question 6: Why did you use this factor?

Answer 6: Please provide as much detail as possible including when and who supplied this factor.

Not applicable.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

**Sue Smith
Information Rights Officer**

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

