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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6074

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 14th December 2023.

Your request was as follows:

1 - Has your organisation acquired any Internet of Things (IoT) devices in the last 36 months?

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust have not acquired any Internet of Things devices in the last 36 months.

2 - What was the budget allocated for these projects?

N/A

3 - What did these projects encompass?

N/A

4 - Does your organisation have an energy/metering monitoring platform?

Yes.

5 - If so, which one is it, and what is the annual cost of this platform?

Trend, £1,260 (ex VAT) / yr

6 - Is there any form of analytics software within your estate's portfolio?

No.

7 - Do your buildings incorporate Building Management Systems (BMS) or Building Energy Management Systems (BEMS)?

Yes.

8 - If so, which manufacturer's software do you utilise for these systems?

Schneider.

9 - Additionally, what is the manufacturer of the hardware used for these systems?

Schneider.

10 - How much is expended on the annual maintenance of these systems?

£48.5k (ex VAT) / yr

11 - Who bears responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of the BMS?

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12 - Has your organisation appointed a nominated energy manager?

No. Acquired via Liverpool University Hospitals.

13 - Does your organisation have a plan in place to achieve carbon net-zero emissions?

The Trust has a Sustainability Plan which embodies aspirations to get to net zero (copy attached).

14 - If such a plan exists, could you kindly provide access to the details of this plan?

Please see attached.

15 - Are there any strategies or plans in progress to decarbonise heating systems within your estate?

The Trust are currently committed to a CHP contract, providing heat and power to our buildings. Further aspirations, as per green plan, are subject to future feasibility studies.

16 - If so, may I request information on these heat decarbonisation plans?

No.

17 - Has your organisation received any public funding to support the decarbonisation efforts within your estate?

N/A

18 - If funding has been received, please specify the funding source and the amount received.

No.

Please see our response above in blue.

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Yours sincerely

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