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## Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

The number of registered **audits/QIP/research** projects (planned and completed) since October 2020 at your trust

**AUDIT- 406**

**QIP- 222 registered on the database**

**Research – 78 this is the number of approved projects since October only, we don't record proposed projects and current projects are recorded in a way that would not provide a reliable number**

The number of **audits/QIP/research** projects that have an environmental/sustainability focus as part of their agenda

**AUDIT-0**

**QIP-6**

**Research - 0**

Whether your Trust has a sustainability lead

An executive and a senior manager within the organisation have sustainability within their portfolio and are designated a sustainability leads, but there is no dedicated sustainability lead, i.e. someone for which sustainability is their main area of responsibility.

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

The Trust has a 'Green Plan' as mandated within the NHS Standard Contract. It does not have a sustainability policy.

*I am unaware whether sustainability is covered in clinical governance or junior doctor induction.*

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

The Trust has a Sustainability Group that meets quarterly. Attendance at the group varies, some clinicians have previously been invited to the group when pertinent, but there is not a regular clinical presence at these meetings.

To elaborate, an environmental or sustainability focus might include audits/research projects involving any of: carbon reduction/decarbonization, emissions, energy efficiency, renewables,

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environmental impact, the use of single use plastics, food waste, sustainability of care models, waste disposal.

The NHS Sustainable Development Assessment Tool has been used to self-audit sustainability within the Trust as part of the development of the Green Plan. Additionally, continued self-assessment is completed via the Greener NHS Platform and the NHS E/I Green Plan support tool.

From an Estates & Facilities perspective, audits have been carried out on the building management systems to explore opportunities to reduce energy consumption. The department is also continually exploring the feasibility of a number of engineering projects that will improve the Trust's position in terms of carbon reduction/reduced energy consumption.

*I cannot confirm whether any clinical audit and research has been conducted in relation to sustainability.*