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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Solar
Energy Usage and Future Plans

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

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. Please accept our sincere apology for the delay.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
1. Governance & Responsibility – Do you have a dedicated person or team responsible for solar energy investment and/or sustainability energy initiatives within your organisation? • If so, please provide their role/title	Sustainability Service Lead oversees grant applications and feasibility studies			
2. Current Solar Deployment – How many solar panel installations (PV systems) do you currently operate across your estate? What is the total installed capacity of these systems (in kWp)? What proportion of your organisation's energy usage is currently provided by solar generation?	None			
3. Investment & Strategy – Does your organisation have a documented investment strategy for expanding the use of solar panels or increasing on-site renewable energy generation? • If so, please provide a copy of or link to the relevant strategy or plan (or summarise key points if not published).	Solar is part of our investigation into opportunities to decarbonise using government funding – as listed on page 29 of our SFH Green Plan Green Plan https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/media/og1hnjzv/climate-action-green-plan.pdf to date none of our solar grant funding applications have been successful.			

<p>4. Solar and Net Zero Commitments – Does solar energy form part of your organisation's Net Zero / Carbon Reduction Strategy?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If yes, how is progress against this strategy communicated to the public (e.g. via website, reports, dashboards, etc.)? 	<p>As above – ambition within our Green Plan if grant funding becomes available Green Plan, available via SFH website, and updates of interest are recorded within SFH Annual Report.</p>			
<p>5. Future Plans – Are there any planned solar panel projects or expansions within the next 3 years?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If yes, please provide high-level details (e.g. number of sites, scale of deployment, approximate timescales). <p>5.1 Have you conducted any feasibility studies on increasing solar capacity in the past 3 years?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, can these be shared? 	<p>No firm plans in place as awaiting grant funding opportunities.</p> <p>Yes – unfortunately these can't be shared.</p>			
<p>6. Procurement & Partnerships – Does your organisation currently use any third-party companies or frameworks to deliver solar energy solutions or manage installations?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If yes, which ones? <p>6.1 Are there any upcoming procurement exercises planned relating to solar energy or wider renewable energy solutions?</p>	<p>No</p> <p>N/A</p>			

7. Battery Storage – Do you currently use battery storage alongside your solar panels?	7. N/A			
7.1 Are there plans to invest in battery storage in future?	7.1 Possibly if grant funding is available			
8. Funding – Has your organisation accessed or applied for any external funding to support solar energy projects (e.g. SALIX, Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme, LEP funding)?	Yes.			
9. Barriers – What are the main barriers your organisation faces to further adoption of solar energy (e.g. funding, planning restrictions, roof suitability, internal resource)?	Funding, PFI Contract, Internal Resource			

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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