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Dear Sirs

Your Request for Information

I am writing in response to your recent request that we received on 12 July 2020 in which you requested the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Information Requested

1. Could you please confirm whether your organisation has a sustainability or sustainable development strategy.
 - a. If possible, please provide a copy. [Yes, the CCG's EDMP is published on the CCG website on the Publications page, and a copy is attached. The strategy is currently due for revision.](#)
2. If you answered yes to the first question can you confirm:
 - a. Whether there is a strategy group or work/action plan in place to support this strategy? [The action plan was current to the end of the 2019-20 financial year, but due to Covid-19 a 2020-21 action plan has not been developed.](#)
 - b. When the strategy was first developed within the organisation (year). [Since 2014. The current 2016-20 strategy replaces the 2014-16 version.](#)
3. Is there an identified Executive Sponsor for sustainability within the organisation? [A Lay Member on our Governing Body has the lead \(Quality and Patient Experience\).](#)
4. Are any members of staff dedicated to sustainability or sustainable development within the organisation? If so, how many hours per week are dedicated to this area of work, what is their job title and what Agenda for Change pay band are they? [No, it forms part of the overall work of the governance team.](#)
5. Does your organisation have any environmental champions? If so, how many? [No, but the Staff Engagement Group regularly promote issues of environmental concern, e.g. cycling to work, recycling initiatives.](#)

6. Do you offer any sustainability training for your staff? If so, what format is this delivered in (e.g. face to face, e-learning, etc)? [None provided.](#)
7. Is your organisation 'paperless'?
 - a. For NHS Trusts and CCGs providing clinical services (such as Continuing Health Care), if not, what year do you anticipate fulfilling the NHS target to fully digitise clinical records? [The organisation is not paperless. However, the CCG does have fully digitised clinical records system for Continuing Healthcare.](#)
8. Have you engaged with the NHS Sustainable Development Unit over the past five years? If so, could you provide the names of the project titles that you worked with them on. [No, other than using their online tools eg Good Corporate Citizen assessment process. The SDU awarded us a certificate of good practice in sustainability reporting in 2018.](#)
9. Does your organisation assess its impact on the environment when making decisions through use of a sustainability framework or another similar tool? [A sustainability impact assessment forms part of the overall impact assessment process when making commissioning decisions.](#)

Response

[I can confirm NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group holds the information you have requested as per the above.](#)

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Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any further assistance. You can find out more information about our Clinical Commissioning Group by visiting our website www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk

Yours sincerely

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