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## **Re: Freedom of Information Request - Sustainable Development Strategy**

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

### **You Asked for:**

1. Could you please confirm whether your organisation has a sustainability or sustainable development strategy?
  - a. If possible, please provide a copy.
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?
  - b. When the strategy was first developed within the organisation (year).
3. Is there an identified Executive Sponsor for sustainability within the organisation?
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?
5. Does your organisation have any environmental champions? If so, how many?
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)?
7. Is your organisation 'paperless'?
  - a. For NHS Trusts and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG's) providing clinical services (such as Continuing Health Care), if not, what year do you anticipate fulfilling the NHS target to fully digitise clinical records?
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.
9. Does your organisation assess its impact on the environment when making decisions through use of a sustainability framework or another similar tool?

### **Our Response:**

1. No, as a small organisation with less than 100 employees, NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) focuses on internal, environmental sustainability which is detailed in our Annual Report. NHS Wirral CCGs Annual Report can be found by using the following link: <https://www.wirralccg.nhs.uk/about-us/plans-publications-and-reports/>. We also contribute to our local Council's Sustainability Plans for the local area and any regeneration initiatives. Our plans for 2020/2021 contracts are to have a Service

Development Improvement Plan (SDIP) with our main providers around the Social Value charter and subject to NHS England guidance, this will form part of our normal contracting arrangements going forward.

2. Not applicable.
3. Not applicable.
4. NHS Wirral CCG does not have an identified Executive Sponsor for sustainability within the organisation.
5. No.
6. NHS Wirral CCG are a social value champion organisation and are working with the Local Authority on how we can capture the impact such as on the environment by our commissioning decisions.
7. NHS Wirral CCG is not yet fully 'paperless', however, since the start of Covid-19 when remote working was put in place, this is becoming closer to full realisation.
  - a. Clinical services are not provided by NHS Wirral CCG.
8. Please see the answer to question number 4.
9. Decisions are risk assessed and may include environmental factors as required.

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

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