

Winter Power Cuts

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

- 1) Prior to October 2022, did you have a written plan in the event of a loss of power for the hospital(s) overseen by the trust? What did this entail?

Yes our business continuity plans.

Please see answer to question 6.

- 2) How long can the hospital(s) run on back-up power?

Trust Fuel tanks size would allow 10 days running at full duty.

- 3) Have you re-examined those plans and / or made any alterations for this winter? .

This is currently in the process.

- 4) What have you changed?

Please see answer to question 3.

- 5) What are your plans for hospitals if there are regular three-hour power cuts with advanced warning this winter, as warned by the National Grid?

Please see answer to question 6.

- 6) Under what scenario would the hospital(s) be forced to close as a result of power outages this winter?.

There is no occasion where we would close the hospital for power outages. We would reduce all of our services to critical / emergency care only and all generator power would then be moved into those critical areas. If the power outage went on longer than our generator power which is over 10 days we would either be getting mutual aid and temporary generators if the outage is local to the hospital area or if this is a National situation we would be in National emergency and guided by the centre including COBR

We do not have one specific policy that covers this but the generic principles are contained in our Emergency Preparedness Plan, Business Continuity Plans of which all areas have them and the Business Continuity Strategic Response and Recovery Plan.

- 7) What would your advice to hospitals be in the event of a power outage with advance warning?

Test & Follow your business continuity plans

- 8) What would your advice to hospitals be in the event of a sudden loss of power?. Please see answer to question 6.

- 9) In the event of a sustained nationwide loss of power, have you contacted any other organisations to see if you can draw on their backup generation? Yes.