

Carbon Footprint

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

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1st April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

Can I please make a Freedom of Information request into the following:

- 1. The trust's annual carbon footprint recorded in each of these financial years: 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023.*

Answer: 2019 – 2020: 26,439 tCO₂e. The latest Trust carbon footprint data, as released by NHS England, is for financial year 2019/20. Data for 2020/21 onwards has not been released yet and is not available to the Trust.

- 2. The trust's annual carbon footprint plus recorded in each of these financial years: 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023.*

Answer: 2019-2020: 151,711 tCO₂e. The latest Trust carbon footprint data, as released by NHS England, is for financial year 2019/20. Data for 2020/21 onwards has not been released yet and is not available to the Trust.

Can you please share the figures above in tCO₂e. If the trust did not record its carbon footprint in a certain year, can you please state this next to the year(s) in question.

To note:

- 'Carbon footprint' and 'carbon footprint plus' are definitions used in the NHS net zero agenda.*
- For reference, 'carbon footprint' refers to emissions under direct NHS control, and where there is a target to reach net zero emissions by 2040.*
- 'Carbon footprint plus' refers to emissions under NHS direct control and emissions it can influence, and for which there is a target to reach net zero emissions by 2045.*
- More information on definitions here: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/greenernhs/wp-content/uploads/sites/51/2022/07/B1728-delivering-a-net-zero-nhs-july-2022.pdf>*