

FOI Request from YewMaker about the Carbon Footprint of Medicines

We are requesting information about how you report the carbon footprint of your medicines to assist us in developing solutions to support the NHS Net Zero strategy. This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The questions below relate to **medicines carbon footprint reporting for your Trust**.

Question 1: Do you calculate the carbon footprint of medicines?

Answer 1: No – not yet

Question 2: What was the carbon footprint of medicines for 2021? **N/A**

Answer 2: _____ tonnes CO₂e (*or other units - please specify*)

Question 3: How did you calculate the carbon footprint of medicines in 2021? **N/A**

Answer 3: *Please select one of the following*

- 1) **Top-down** - we use a factor which converts spend to carbon footprint.
- 2) **Top-down + bottom-up** - we use a spend-based factor for most medicines and specific (bottom-up) carbon footprint calculations for others (e.g. inhalers and/or anaesthetics. *Please specify for which medicines you use bottom-up calculations.*
- 3) **Other** - *Please specify.*

Question 4: For top-down calculations what factor did you use? **N/A**

Answer 4: _____ kilograms or tonnes CO₂e per £ spent (*or other units - please specify*)

Question 5: Do you update the factor used? **N/A**

Answer 5: Select one of the following

- 1) **The factor is updated yearly**
- 2) **The same factor is used every year**
- 3) **The factor is updated less frequently than yearly**

Question 6: Why did you use this factor? **N/A**

Answer 6: *Please provide as much detail as possible including when and who supplied this factor.*

I understand you are required to respond to this request within the 20 working days of receipt of this letter.

Please reply directly to this email or by completing the attached form emailed to haroon@yewmaker.com

If you have any questions regarding this request please contact haroon@yewmaker.com