FOI 0145/2024 Response

Dear Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust, To help with my studies into how IT can be used to reduce the carbon footprint of our health trusts, please can you answer the following questions.

1) Does your organisation have a Manage Print Strategy?

No

2) Does the Trust have a Digital Strategy?

Yes

3) What IT projects over the last few years have had a focus or a main objective of reducing Carbon Footprint?

There are no specific IT projects with the sole objective is to reducing Carbon Footprint, however by default any new equipment procured considers the reduction of carbon footprint for the Trust.

4) How many single function printers does The Trust have

Printers: 427

5) What brand are they?

Xerox

6) How many MFDs / photocopiers does The Trust have what brand are they? (Multi Function Devices)

Multi Functional Devices (MFDs): 162

7) What print contracts are in place?

Contract with Xerox via a CCS framework

8) When did the print contracts start / end?

01.05.23- 30.04.25

9) Is there any option to extend this contract?

This will be decided by the Trust nearer to time

10) Was this procured using a Gvt framework, if so which one?

CCS framework

11) What digitation projects have happened / are planned to reduce print?

Hybrid Mail and Docman

12) Approximately how much does the Trust spend Annually on Print?

We are unable to provide the approximate figure but we can provide the spend below.

Row Labels	Sum of Total Spend 2022-23
Contract : Xerox Print	178,811.65
Printing Costs	174,787.17
Printing Promotional	1,356.77
Grand Total	354,955.59

13) Approximately how many pages does the Trust print annually?

On average we print 6,979,921 pages per annum

14) Does The Trust use a print management solution to assist with controlling print volumes and costs? If so which one?

The Trust use the Equitrac system where users are able to print by inserting their PIN ID. There is no specific system to control the print volumes.

However the trust is looking to adopt an E-delivery/Hybrid Mail solution with the objective of reducing printing volumes and Carbon Footprint.

15) Who is responsible for IT at The Trust?

The Head of ICT -Shakil Patel.

16) Who is responsible for print at The Trust?

N/A there is no dedicated individual responsible for printing at the Trust.

17) Who is responsible for The Trusts Carbon Reduction initiatives ?

The Trust is unable to provide a response to this query.

This is because the Trust do not routinely release staff members personal information and therefore rely on exemption section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to deny this aspect of your request.

18) Has The Trust ever been awarded / recognised for digital innovation?

we are a Global Digital Exemplar GDE

19) How many IT Systems is the Trust accessing via 'The Cloud'? *Clarification: The cloud in this instance should be thought of as whether or not the various IT systems used by the trust are stored on the trusts own ON PREMISE services. Or stored on outsourced managed servers managed by a third party.

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20) How Many data centres is he Trust currently using?

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21) What is the current Server Operating System used at the Trust?

The trust utilises many server operating systems in line with current needs, including Windows and Linux

22) Can staff members print from various devices using a 'Follow me' type solution?

Yes

23) How are print jobs currently released from the printer (Card, Pin etc)?

Pin

24) Currently how does the Trust report on printing?

Through Quarterly Contract Review Meetings with the provider

25) Currently does the Trust cross charge internally for print?

Yes – invoices are paid from a central code, then recharged out to the teams based on the break down provided by the supplier.

26) Which department holds the Trust print budget?

We do not have a central Trust Print budget, printing budget currently sits within the operating budgets.