

Reference: FOI.ICB-2526/246

Subject: Medicines Carbon Footprint Reporting 2024

I can confirm that the ICB does not hold the information requested; please see responses below:

| QUESTION | RESPONSE |
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| <p>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.</p> <p>The questions below relate to medicines carbon footprint reporting for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB in 2024.</p> | |
| <p>Question 1: Do you calculate the carbon footprint of medicines?</p> <p>Answer 1: Yes/No</p> | No |
| <p>Question 2: What was the carbon footprint of medicines for 2024?</p> <p>Answer 2: _____ tonnes CO2e (<i>or other units - please specify</i>)</p> | N/A |
| <p>Question 3: How did you calculate the carbon footprint of medicines in 2024?</p> <p>Answer 3: <i>Please select one of the following</i></p> <p>1. Top-down - we use a factor which converts spend to carbon footprint.</p> | N/A |

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| <p>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. <i>Please specify for which medicines you use bottom-up calculations.</i></p> <p>3. Other - <i>Please specify.</i></p> | |
| <p>Question 4: For top-down calculations what factor did you use?</p> <p>Answer 4: _____ kilograms or tonnes CO2e per £ spent (or other units - please specify)</p> | N/A |
| <p>Question 5: Do you update the factor used?</p> <p>Answer 5: Select one of the following</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The factor is updated yearly 2. The same factor is used every year 3. The factor is updated less frequently than yearly | N/A |
| <p>Question 6: Why did you use this factor?</p> <p>Answer 6: <i>Please provide as much detail as possible including when and who supplied this factor.</i></p> | N/A |

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 11 November 2025 and has been approved for release by Dr Joanne Medhurst, Chief Medical Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.