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REQUEST

1. In relation to your Electricity contract(s):

- 1.1. name of current supplier?
- 1.2. start date of current contract?
- 1.3. end date of current contract?
- 1.4. total number of meters?
- 1.5. agreed unit prices pence per kWh (average or range)?
- 1.6. standing charges pence per day (average or range)?
- 1.7. total annual volume of electricity supplied for the last year?
- 1.8. any other fixed fees pence per day (e.g. capacity charges)?
- 1.9. is a future contract already agreed following the end of the current contract?
- 1.10. if so, what is the duration of the new contract?
- 1.11. total amount paid to your supplier in each of the last 3 financial years?

- 1.12. was your contract procured through the CCS (Crown Commercial Service) or another basket/framework, and if so which one?
- 1.13. what notice period/break clause (if any) exist within your current contract/framework?
- 1.14. what is the earliest date on which notice can be served?
- 1.15. is your contract a fixed price contract, or a flexible contract (where prices can vary according to market prices and when you purchase)?
- 1.16. was an energy broker used in the procurement of your electricity contract? If so which one?
- 1.17. if a broker was used what commission was paid to the broker (in pence per kWh and total £ amount)?
- 1.18. do you have any power purchase agreements (PPAs) in place with any renewable electricity generators?
- 1.19. If so can you provide details?
- 1.20. what proportion of your electricity was sourced from renewable sources?

2. In relation to your Gas contract(s):

- 2.1. name of current supplier?
- 2.2. start date of current contract?
- 2.3. end date of current contract?
- 2.4. total number of meters?

- 2.5. agreed unit prices pence per kWh (average or range)?
- 2.6. standing charges pence per day (average or range)?
- 2.7. total annual volume of gas supplied for the last year?
- 2.8. any other fixed fees pence per day (e.g. capacity charges)?
- 2.9. is a future contract already agreed following the end of the current contract?
- 2.10. if so what is the duration of the new contract?
- 2.11. total amount paid to your supplier in each of the last 3 financial years?
- 2.12. was your contract procured through the CCS (Crown Commercial Service) or another basket/framework, and if so which one?
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- 2.15. is your contract a fixed price contract, or a flexible contract (where prices can vary according to market prices and when you purchase)?
- 2.16. was an energy broker used in the procurement of your electricity contract? If so which one?
- 2.17. if a broker was used what commission was paid to the broker (in pence per kWh and total £ amount)?

3. In relation to your sustainability activities:

- 3.1. what are the Trust's priorities in regard to a net zero pathway?

3.2. what carbon reporting you have in place, or plans to put in place?

3.3. please provide the contact details for the Energy, ESG or Sustainability lead within the Trust.

RESPONSE

1. In relation to your Electricity contract(s):

1.1. Current Electricity Supplier

The current electricity supplier for Whiston and St Helens Hospitals is **Smartest Energy**

The current electricity supplier for Southport & Ormskirk Hospitals is Bryt Energy

1.2. Start Date of Current Contract

The electricity supply contract commenced on **1 April 2025** for both contracts.

1.3. End Date of Current Contract

The contract is scheduled to end on **31 March 2028** for Whiston and St Helens Hospitals and 31 March 2027 for Southport & Ormskirk Hospitals.

1.4. Total Number of Meters

There are a total of **four electricity meters** under this contract: three serving Whiston Hospital and one serving St Helens Hospital. There are a total of seven electricity meters under this contract Southport & Ormskirk Hospitals.

1.5. – 1.8.

	Whiston Main	Whiston Multi Storey Car Park	Whiston Delph Lane Car Park	St Helens Main
1.5 Agreed unit price (p/kWh)	Day: 18.17 Night: 15.7268	Day: 22.2547 Night: 16.7731	23.4543	Day: 20.1588 Night: 15.9522
1.6 Standing charges (p/day)	35,769.81	3,135.24	178.85	35,015.28
1.7 Total annual volume of electricity supplied for the last year (kWh) (Jan – Dec 2024)	8,539,321	259,470	6,207.00	5,843,043
1.8 Other fixed fees (p/day)	Supply Capacity Charge: 10,974	Supply Capacity Charge: 688	Supply Capacity Charge: 10,974	Supply Capacity Charge: 12,144

Southport & Ormskirk Hospitals.

1.5. agreed unit prices pence per kWh (average or range)? - 9-10.5p/kWh

1.6. standing charges pence per day (average or range)? - 28-31p/day

1.7. total annual volume of electricity supplied for the last year? - 2,447,771kWh

1.8. any other fixed fees pence per day (e.g. capacity charges)? - Too difficult to pull out a pence per day charge

1.9. Future Contract Agreement

No future electricity contract has been agreed upon following the end of the current contract.

Southport & Ormskirk Hospitals. –
Yes

1.10. Duration of New Contract (if applicable)

Not applicable, as no new contract has been agreed. For Whiston & St Helens Hospitals

Southport & Ormskirk Hospitals. – 5 years

1.11 . Total amount paid to electricity supplier (Smartest Energy) in each of the last 3 financial years:

	Whiston Main (£)	Whiston Multi Storey Car Park (£)	Whiston Delph Lane Car Park (£)	St Helens Main (£)	Total (£)
2022/23	1,282,617.32	45,691.53	1,900.39	942,875.51	2,273,084.75
2023/24	1,439,697.11	52,503.24	1,967.28	1,019,747.75	2,513,915.38
2024/25	1,752,142.20	67,117.25	2,164.62	1,314,554.02	3,135,978.09

Southport & Ormskirk Hospitals:

2022-23 - £686,291

2023-24 - £617,865

2024-25 - £867,291

1.12. Procurement Framework Used

The electricity contract was procured through the **Crown Commercial Service (CCS) framework** for Whiston & St Helens Hospitals.

Southport & Ormskirk Hospitals electricity contract was procured through COCH.

1.13. Notice Period / Break Clause

The contract allows the Hospitals to give Smartest Energy **no less than 25 business days' written notice** for any changes related to meters or service providers for Whiston & St Helens Hospitals, there is none in place for Southport & Ormskirk Hospitals.

1.14. Earliest Date Notice Can Be Served

Notice can be served at any time, provided it meets the 25 business days' requirements. Southport & Ormskirk Hospitals unknown.

1.15. Contract Type

The current electricity contract is a **fixed price contract** for both Whiston and St Helens Hospitals. Southport & Ormskirk Hospitals flexible.

1.16. Use of Energy Broker

Yes, the contract was procured with the assistance of an energy broker, **Sustainable Energy First** for both Whiston and St Helens Hospitals. Southport & Ormskirk Hospitals through Inspired.

1.17. Broker Commission

A commission of **£31,990 per annum** was paid to the broker for the product services contract covering the period from **1 October 2024 to 31 March 2027** for both Whiston and St Helens Hospitals. Southport & Ormskirk Hospitals £1,150.

1.18. Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs)

No power purchase agreements are currently in place with renewable electricity generators for all sites.

1.19. Details of PPAs (if applicable)

Not applicable for all sites.

1.20. Proportion of Electricity from Renewable Sources

The electricity supplied under the latest procurement contract from October 2024 is **100% conventional**, meaning no renewable energy is included in the supply mix.

However, renewable electricity is generated on-site at St Helens Hospital through solar PV systems. The newest system, installed on the roof of the Diagnostic & Treatment Centre (DTC), became operational in 2025. An earlier, smaller-scale system was installed at Horton Lodge in 2022. The total installed capacity of solar PV at St Helens is 228.04 kWp, and all electricity generated is consumed directly on-site, with no export to the DNO network.

All electric purchased for Southport & Ormskirk sites is from renewable sources.

2. In relation to your Gas contract(s):

2.1. Current Gas Supplier

The current gas supplier for Whiston and St Helens Hospitals is **TotalEnergies** Southport & Ormskirk Hospitals Corona Energy.

2.2. Start Date of Current Contract

The gas supply contract commenced on **1 April 2025** for both Whiston and St Helens Hospitals. Southport & Ormskirk Hospitals 1st April 2023.

2.3. End Date of Current Contract

The contract is scheduled to end on **31 March 2028** for both Whiston and St Helens Hospitals. Southport & Ormskirk Hospitals 31st March 2027.

2.4. Total Number of Meters

There are a total of **three gas meters** under this contract: two serving Whiston Hospital and one serving St Helens Hospital. Southport & Ormskirk Hospitals 11 meters.

2.5 – 2.8

	Whiston Main	Whiston Nightingale House	St Helens Main
2.5 Agreed unit price (p/kWh)	4.4972	4.6007	4.5631
2.6 Standing charges (p/day)	29,228.00	7,293.00	13,870.00
2.7 Total annual volume of electricity supplied for the last year (kWh) (Jan – Dec 2024)	30,837,944	4,404,630	8,410,977
2.8 Other fixed fees (p/day)	N/A	N/A	N/A

Southport & Ormskirk Hospitals:

2.5 3-4p/kWh

2.6 £8-160/day

2.7 55,711,005kWh

2.8 N/A

2.9. Future Contract Agreement

No future gas contract has been agreed upon following the end of the current contract for both Whiston and St Helens Hospitals. Southport & Ormskirk Hospitals yes.

2.10. Duration of New Contract (if applicable)

Not applicable, as no new contract has been agreed for both Whiston and St Helens Hospitals. Southport & Ormskirk Hospitals 5 years.

2.11. Total amount paid to gas supplier (TotalEnergies) in each of the last 3 financial years:

	Whiston Main (£)	Whiston Nightingale House (£)	St Helens Main (£)	Total (£)
2022/23	722,847.21	125,325.67	211,910.01	1,060,082.89
2023/24	678,998.47	125,700.09	224,984.61	1,029,673.17
2024/25	1,544,972.21	266,732.59	493,130.95	2,304,835.75

Southport & Ormskirk Hospitals:

2022-23 – £1,459,078

2023-24 – £2,641,700

2024-25 - £2,849,256

2.12. Procurement Framework Used

The gas contract was procured through the **Crown Commercial Service (CCS)** for both Whiston and St Helens Hospitals. Southport & Ormskirk Hospitals COCH.

2.13. Notice Period / Break Clause

The Hospitals may change to another supplier / terminate the agreement on giving to TotalEnergies **not less than 30 days' written notice** of termination expiring after the supply period for both Whiston and St Helens Hospitals. Southport & Ormskirk Hospitals none.

2.14. Earliest Date Notice Can Be Served

Notice can be served at any time, provided it meets the 30 business days' requirements for both Whiston and St Helens Hospitals. Southport & Ormskirk Hospitals unknown.

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3. In relation to your sustainability activities:

3.1 Net Zero Priorities

The Trust's sustainability priorities are outlined in its Green Plans, which align with the NHS's national commitment to achieving net zero carbon emissions. Key areas include reducing emissions, improving energy efficiency, and embedding sustainability across all operations.

3.2 Carbon Reporting Plans

An updated Green Plan for 2025–2028 is scheduled for release in the second half of 2025, which will include the Trust's carbon reporting framework and future sustainability goals.

3.3 Sustainability Contacts

The key contacts for sustainability within the Trust are:

- **David Downs**, Senior Project Manager – Whiston and St Helens Hospitals
- **Graham Turton**, Sustainability Manager – Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals