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Dear

Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 24/11/2021. Please see responses to your requests below.

1. Whether the Trust is on a fixed rate tariff contract for energy.

Electricity

Yes the Trust is on a fixed rate tariff for electricity.

Gas –

There is a mixture across the Trust's property portfolio, Queen Alexander Hospital has a variable tariff and some off site premises have no gas supply. Tariffs are procured through hedging 12 months in advance. Tariffs are then fixed for 12 months.

2. The Trust's annual energy budget for 2021/22.

The Trust combined annual energy budget for the Queen Alexandra Hospital is £3.98m

For the Trust's other peripheral sites, the annual 2021/22 budget for electricity is approximately £150,000 and gas is approximately £9,000.

3. Whether the Trust anticipates any additional energy costs in the second half of 2021/22.

Electricity

Yes, as contracts (and tariffs) are effective from 1st October 2021 for 12 months.

Gas

No, as the contracts (and tariffs) are effective from 1 April 2021 for 12 months.

4. If yes to the above, the value of any estimated additional energy costs for the second half of 2021/22.

Electricity

The framework managers forward purchased large volumes of supply for 01/10/2021 – 30/09/2021 when wholesale market prices started to increase significantly and consistently. The framework managers have calculated a 15% increase as an average across all their customers sites; we have only had two invoices with the new tariffs and these show an 18% and 36% increase. Based on

these increases the costs for the second half of 2021/2 will increase by between £11k (15%) and £27k (36%). (This compares with a wholesale energy price increase of over 250% which would have been an increase of £187k.)

Gas

There is no impact on second half of the financial year 2021/22.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information, please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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