

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

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Question/s to be Answered

I would like to request information concerning healthcare linen/laundry.

I am creating a Quality Improvement (QI) project for my final year of Adult Nursing at Edinburgh Napier University (ENU) and have also worked in NHS Lothian for 9 years. My QI project is more specifically on the **consumption of bed linen in healthcare** primarily in NHS Lothian but also throughout NHS Scotland.

The information I'm requesting (if possible) is:

- The average financial cost of a single industrial wash of hospital linen at laundry facilities used (please specify which site) by this NHS health board and/or weekly cost of this, both for normal linen washes and also linen treated as 'infected'.

We don't break this cost down for normal or infected linen. Information not held.

Cost per load approx. £59

- Approximate amounts (in weight) of linen processed per year over the last 3 years at laundry facilities used (please specify which site) by this NHS health board.

We don't record by weight we record by item so this information is unavailable

- Energy usage (financial cost and gas & electricity units) from laundry facilities used (please specify which site) in this NHS health board, either on average or per year over the last 3 years.

Electricity is not sub metered as the laundry is within the Main hospital

Laundry is steam powered which is fuelled by oil at an average cost of £15,000 per annum

- Approximate amount of greenhouse gas emissions produced from the cleaning, processing, and transport of linen per year over the last 3 years in this NHS health board.

This is not recorded. Information not held.

- Number of rogue (non-linen) items found among linen received at laundry facilities (please specify which site) in this NHS health board, either on average or per year over the last 3 years, and . . .

We do not record this. Information not held.

- The average financial impact that this has on laundry service disruptions (e.g. from damaging laundry equipment) per year in this NHS health board (or across NHS Scotland).

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There has been no financial impact to services

Please note, I don't require personal details of third-party suppliers.