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INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2022/344

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information request.

1. Prior to October 2022, did you have a written plan in the event of a loss of power for the hospital(s) overseen by the trust? What did this entail?
2. How long can the hospital(s) run on back-up power?
3. Have you re-examined those plans and / or made any alterations for this winter?
4. What have you changed?
5. What are your plans for hospitals if there are regular three-hour power cuts with advanced warning this winter, as warned by the National Grid?
6. Under what scenario would the hospital(s) be forced to close as a result of power outages this winter?
7. What would your advice to hospitals be in the event of a power outage with advance warning?
8. What would your advice to hospitals be in the event of a sudden loss of power?
9. In the event of a sustained nationwide loss of power, have you contacted any other organisations to see if you can draw on their backup generation?

I have considered your request and have set out the Trust's response below:

1. Operational detail for the management of loss of power event is detailed in Business continuity plans, incident response plans. All four of our Hospitals have backup generators, the acute hospital has 5 in total.
2. HTM06-01A demands 200 hours or the capacity to manually fill tanks, the Trust complies.
3. Yes we have and we didn't make any alterations.
4. NA
5. This is within the capacity of our generators and UPS systems where applicable.
6. If the main supply was lost for a prolonged period, the backup generators failed and no alternative free standing generators could be sourced.
7. Run up the generators in advance.
8. Activate incident response and business continuity plans.

9. Talks have been held with a local supplier of backup generators. The Trust would activate an organisational incident response; multiagency discussion via the Tactical Coordination Group and undertake formal mutual aid escalations

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator

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