# Request title:
# Carbon Reduction Commitment

Date of Response: 3rd November 2015

Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

**Request and reply**

I am carrying out an assignment looking into the Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) and how it affects the NHS, particularly with the current climate of tight financial constraints. I was wondering if you could answer as best as possible the following questions in order for me to collate the information and summarise the health service's current outlook on the scheme.

1. How do you currently comply with CRC, through outsourcing or in house?
   Due to obligations under the European Union Emissions Trading Scheme, the RD&E has no obligations under the CRC. Previously the compliance tasks were outsourced, then taken in house.

2. In the past 2 years have you invested in means to reduce your carbon emissions? If yes do you have a rough estimate of the investment or which specific technology or equipment were purchased?
   £1.1m from the Department of Health funded lighting upgrades, heating/cooling improvements and Building Management System improvements.
3. In the next 2 years do you plan on investing in reducing your carbon emissions? If yes do you have a rough estimate of the investment or what specific technology or equipment you are to invest in?
   No finalised plan, but a draft investment plan that would likely require circa £2m for lighting, heating and cooling and metering installations. The Trust is in the process of developing a business case for a city wide district heating scheme.
4. What are the main barriers to further investment? And what would encourage yourselves to invest further?
   The main barrier to further investment is the lack of capital and revenue funding to invest with.