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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5430

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 08th November 2022.

Your request was as follows:

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?

No, the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust have a 3 stage BCP on loss of essential equipment but not loss of power.

How long can the hospital(s) run on back-up power?

96 hours.

Have you re-examined those plans and / or made any alterations for this winter?

These plans are currently under review.

What have you changed?

N/A

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?

The Hospital has full emergency generator cover, plus critical systems having UPS back-up giving 1 hour autonomy time. Additionally, the Hospital are planning to test scanner potential and clarity during next generator run.

Under what scenario would the hospital(s) be forced to close as a result of power outages this winter?

Loss of total power and backup systems without possibility of returning electrical supplies within 1 hour.

What would your advice to hospitals be in the event of a power outage with advance warning?

Ensure BCP is updated and tested. Ensure critical UPS back-up systems are maintained and in good working order.

What would your advice to hospitals be in the event of a sudden loss of power?

Ensure load shedding is undertaken, where possible, to allow maximum running capacity for generator. Ensure enough

reserve oil supplies are in place.

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?

No.

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Yours sincerely

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