

FOI – 2377

15<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

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I am writing to submit a Freedom of Information (FOI) request regarding information related to the organisation's gas and electricity contracts, as well as details on the energy management system.

Please acknowledge this request within the legally required timeframe.

**\*\*Gas and Electricity Contracts: \*\***

### 1. Energy Provider

**Response:**

Electricity - Electric Ireland

GAS – Firmus

### 2. Annual Spend for each provider for the past 3 financial years.

**Response:**

Year	Gas £m
2021-2022	£5.4m
2022-2023	£6.1m
2023-2024	£3.9m
<b>Total</b>	<b>£15.4m</b>

Year	Electricity £m
2021-2022	£3.7m
2022-2023	£4.5m
2023-2024	£3.3m
<b>Total</b>	<b>£11.5m</b>

**Note:**

*Purchase price of commodities on the markets have since decreased compared to previous year due to geopolitical pressures which can cause a significant swing in the cost.*

**3. Contract Duration (Including any extensions) -**

**Response:**

3 years no extensions

**4 Contract start date**

**Response:**

1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

**5 Contract Expiry Date**

**Response:**

31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

**6. Contract Review Dates**

**Response:**

N/A

**7. Contact details of the person responsible, including job title**

**Response:**

Energy Manager, Estates Department

**8. Total Consumption of Gas, please provide me with the latest figure in cubic metres.**

**Response:**

Year	GAS (M3)
2021-2022	2.0m
2022-2023	2.2m
2023-2024	3.3m
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.5m</b>

**9. Total Consumption of Electricity (NHH), please provide me with latest figure in kWh for the past 3 financial years.**

**Response:**

Year	Electricity kWh (NHH)
2021-2022	2.2m
2022-2023	2.1m
2023-2024	2.2m
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.5</b>

**10. Total Consumption of Electricity (HH), please provide me with latest figure in kWh for the past 3 financial years.**

**Response:**

Year	Electricity kWh (HH)
2021-2022	17.3m
2022-2023	16.2m
2023-2024	17.1m
<b>Total</b>	<b>50.6m</b>

**11. Contact details of the person responsible, including job title at the very least**

**Response:**

Energy Manager, Estates Department

**Energy Management System Contract(s) - Contract(s) relating to the organisation's energy management system. An energy management system (EMS) is a system of computer-aided tools used by operators of electric utility grids to monitor, control, and optimise the performance of the generation or transmission system.**

**Energy Management System Provider**

**1. Annual Spend**

**Response:**

No Annual spend

**2. Contract Duration (Including any extensions)**

**Response:**

N/A

**3. Contract Expiry Date**

**Response:**

No Contract

**4. Contract start date**

**Response:**

N/A - No Contract

**5. Contract Review Date**

**Response:**

N/A

**6. Contract Description – A description of the services provided**

**Response:**

N/A

**7. Brand of the software**

**Response:**

The information requested is exempt from disclosure and Section 31 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied. Although the Southern Trust understands that there is a public interest in being open and transparent, the information requested has the potential to leave the Trust vulnerable to

cyber-attacks. By disclosing these details, this information could prejudice and compromise the Trust's network/IT security.

In accordance with Section 31 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Law enforcement – the prevention or detection of crime, states that information is exempt if its disclosure is likely to prejudice the prevention or detection of crime. ICO guidance states that this can be used to protect information on a public authority's systems which would make it more vulnerable to crime. It can be used by a public authority that has no law enforcement function:

- To protect the work of one that does
- To withhold information that would make anyone, including the public authority itself, more vulnerable to crime

We believe that putting this information into the public domain would make the Trust more vulnerable to cyber-attacks. The public interest in maintaining the security of our systems and providing safe health and social care to our patients/clients outweighs the public interest in disclosure of this information.

**8. Total number of meter points for electricity:**  
**a. Non-Half Hourly (NHH) meter points**

**Response:**

16 meter points

**b. Half Hourly (HH) meter points**

**Response:**

63 meter points

**9. Total number of Gas meter points**

**Response:**

84 meter points

**10 Total number of meter points for specialist gases and liquids**

**Response:**

N/A

**10. Contact details of the person responsible, including job title**

**Response:**

Energy Manager, Estates Department

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