

From: [FOI](#)
To:
Subject: Freedom of Information Request NCC-050313-21
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Dear

Thank you for your request for information about what happens to old ICT equipment no longer in use by Nottinghamshire County Council

Please find below our answers to your specific questions:

1) In particular, how many computer users there are at your organization in total, where the old computer and other technology and electronic items are going when they are replaced by newer items and what percentage is going to help those in the local UK community that can not afford computers ?

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2.) Our previous FOI and researched showed that many public organisations sell their old tech to scrap companies and the markets for old tech scrap are generally abroad for scrap contractors used by council and other large organisations including schools with one scrap company alone stating that they export over 50,000 computer items per month. -Therefore, may we please ask for the information/data on your plans to comply with the UK climate change act and deal with scope 3 emissions from transport during the export of containers overseas ? May we also ask for any data held regarding emissions and particular scope 3 emissions relating to old technology from your organisation.

Our contracted supplier does not export anything overseas. The UK Climate Change Act places no obligation on local authorities to report their own or their area's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and, if they choose to do so, there is no mandated approach to the defining the scope of such emissions.

The Authority has committed to being carbon neutral for its activities by 2030 or as soon as possible thereafter.

3) May we also please ask, what you currently have in terms of outdated, unplugged, or unused no longer needed laptops, computers, or other electronics in your storage that we can collect for our long-standing local-focused UK solution that helps homeless youth in need, care leavers, pensioners who can not afford a computer, refugees and others disadvantaged people and if not would it be possible to put a date in the diary for the next collection please ? May we suggest 5th, 6th or 10th May 2021 for the next collection ?

Collection, salvage and secure disposal are embedded in the current hardware contract and the Authority does not store any unused ICT equipment.

4.) If the council / organisation has recently changed its policy to allow local reuse and access to local organisations to its old still usable tech, may we please ask: how can we also be added to this list of organisations that the equipment to 'offered to before disposal' and

receive equal treatment as those organizations ?

The Authority's policy is for secure refurbishment and disposal through our contracted hardware supplier. Where possible the contracted hardware supplier seeks to refurbish and remarket IT equipment rather than destroy. Currently, around 80% of all returned product is refurbished and made available for reuse. Through rigorous refurbishment and data destruction processes the equipment can be supplied to second user customers (in most cases with a financial contribution being made to the customer) without any compromise to the original owner's data security. Refurbished products are listed for sale within the hardware supplier's customer portal which is available to all registered public sector customers.

5.) if the council / organisation has a listing of organisations on its website that can collect old still usable items for the UK community we would appreciate equal treatment and kindly request to be added to that list - our details and website address are below.

We are not aware of any

I hope that you find this information to be helpful, however if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, then please email us at foi@nottscc.gov.uk quoting the reference NCC-050313-21 and we will be happy to review your request

With kind regards

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