

**Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS
Foundation Trust**

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Environmental Policy HSC015

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Introduction

Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust recognises that as a large public sector organisation and healthcare provider it has a responsibility to ensure that its activities do not negatively impact upon the environment and where possible contribute towards developing and enhancing the environment and promoting sustainable development.

Within the Trust's Sustainable Development Management Plan (SDMP) the Trust has set a target to reduce carbon emissions from their operations by 28% against 2011/12 levels by 2020.

The SDMP contains a Sustainable Development Action Plan setting out key projects to be implemented over the three year lifecycle of the SDMP. The Trust's Sustainable Development Committee is responsible for implementation of this policy and monitoring of progress on the SDMP.

The Trust has achieved Green level accreditation to the Investors in the Environment Scheme (iIE), a third party accredited environmental management system which helps the Trust to formalise and continuously improve their environmental management practices.

Purpose

To deliver a sustainable health and care system which works within the available environmental and social resources protecting and improving health now and for future generations. By doing this the Trust will realise benefits through money saved from using resources more efficiently, reducing harmful environmental impacts, and contributing towards health benefits in the community.

Scope

The Trust has identified the following key environmental impacts associated with their organisational activities:

- Clinical and Domestic Waste Disposal
- Consumption of Energy, Water and other resources
- Staff business travel
- Use of leased fleet by Staff

This policy is aimed at management and minimisation of these impacts.

Definitions

The Trust / NHFT - Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

Duties

It is the responsibility of all employees, visitors and contractors to fully support this policy through active participation and co-operation. This environmental policy will be displayed at all times and is openly available to all members of the public via our website.

This policy will be implemented by the Sustainable Development Committee, consisting of representatives from each of the following departments and chaired by the Trust's Chair of the Board of Directors.

- Estates and Facilities
- Finance
- Communications
- HR
- IT
- Procurement
- Clinical

The Sustainable Development Committee will report to the Finance and Performance Committee annually.

Policy Commitments

Under this policy the Trust commits to:

- Meet and where possible exceed all environmental legislation and other requirements applicable to our organisation and its activities
- Achieve our carbon reduction target of a 28% reduction against 2011/12 levels by 2020
- Increase cost-effectiveness by reducing our consumption of energy and raw materials
- Reduce waste and prevent pollution and noise both locally and in the wider environment
- Reduce water usage on a per patient level and prevent pollution to local watercourses
- Consider the environmental impact of all construction, refurbishment and maintenance activities
- Monitor and encourage sustainability throughout our supply chain
- Systematically assess all aspects of our Trust
- Make our progress available for independent assessment
- Develop transport solutions to provide more environmentally and sustainable transport solution for the Trust.
- Develop solutions to reduce the need for travel while at work.
- NHFT subscribes to being a low carbon organisation to offset the effects of climate change on public health

Training

Mandatory Training

There is no mandatory training associated with this policy.

Training required to fulfil this policy will be provided in accordance with the Trust's Training Needs Analysis. Management of training will be in accordance with the Trust's Statutory and Mandatory Training Policy.

Specific Training not covered by Mandatory Training

Not applicable to this document.

Ad hoc training sessions based on an individual's training needs as defined within their annual appraisal or job description.

Monitored Compliance with this Document

The table below outlines the Trusts monitoring arrangements for this document. The Trust reserves the right to commission additional work or change the monitoring arrangements to meet organisational needs.

Aspect of compliance or effectiveness being monitored	Method of monitoring	Individual responsible for the monitoring	Monitoring frequency	Group or committee who receive the findings or report	Group or committee or individual responsible for completing any actions
2020 Carbon reduction target	Annual carbon footprint report	Mark Lander	Annually	Finance and Performance Committee	Mark Lander and the Sustainable Development Committee
Where a lack of compliance is found, the identified group, committee or individual will identify required actions, allocate responsible leads, target completion dates and ensure an assurance report is represented showing how any gaps have been addressed.					

Further Information

The manager operational responsibility for this policy is Mark Lander, Sustainability Manager.

Reference Guide

There are no references or bibliography associated with this document.

Climate Change Act 2008 & NHFT Sustainability Action plan Carbon Footprint annual report.

Document Control Details

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