

Beyond Authorisation: Delivering a Sustainable Health and Care System

Group exercise - How to make it happen?

Priority – Mark whether this should be a High, Medium or Low priority for your Organisation (H/M/L)

	Within our organisation:	Organisations we commission services from:
Include sustainability in our mission statement		
Have a Sustainable Development Management Plan (SDMP)		
Include a sustainability section in annual reports		
Know our/their current organisational carbon footprint		
Demonstrate reductions in carbon emissions		
Appoint a sustainability lead to co-ordinate local action and link in with leads in other parts of the health and care system		
Engage patients and the local community in looking at sustainable models of care and care delivery		
Include sustainability criteria in business cases and models of care redesign		
Provide sustainability awareness training and education		
Use the Good Corporate Citizenship tool (<i>a CSR tool designed for the health and care system</i>) to assess and monitor progress		
Have a staff health and well-being policy		
Reflect the diversity of the local community in our workforce		

Clinical Commissioning Groups:

Priority – Mark whether this should be a High, Medium or Low priority for CCGs (H/M/L)

		As part of our contracting and system management responsibilities we:
Meet the CCG Assurance Framework 2013/14 requirement to have robust plans to ensure “the capacity and capability to...commission well, ensuring quality, financial control and environmental sustainability” – [page 17]		
Set objective sustainability measures and targets for providers in contracts		
Assess provider sustainability performance at performance management meetings		
Consider provider’s sustainability credentials as part of the tendering process		
Factor wider social value considerations into contracting decisions		
Work in partnership with local authorities, health and wellbeing boards, and care providers to reduce improve sustainability and resilience		

Health & Wellbeing Boards:

Priority – Mark whether this should be a High, Medium or Low priority for Health and Wellbeing Boards (H/M/L)

		As part of our local health and wellbeing strategy we:
Maintain a regional oversight of health, public health and social care system carbon emissions		
Promote a ‘triple bottom line’ approach (simultaneous economic, social and environmental return on investment)		
Work with CCGs to use contractual levers to improve the sustainability performance of the local health and care system		

What support do you require to take action on this agenda?

What 3 high impact actions will you take in the next 3 months?

YOUR DETAILS: (please note this is optional)

<p>NAME:</p>	
<p>ORGANISATION:</p>	
<p>ROLE:</p>	
<p>Any additional thoughts/musings triggered by today that we should consider?</p>	

"The NHS is well positioned to lead the public sector in taking an ambitious, but realistic, approach to the challenge of climate change." Sir Neil McKay CB, Lead NHS Chief Executive for Sustainable Development

The NHS Sustainable Development Unit (SDU) takes a whole systems approach to developing organisations, people, tools, policy and research. It helps the NHS fulfil its potential as a leading sustainable and low carbon organisation. Based in Cambridge, it is acknowledged as an important national resource across the NHS and receives public sector support as well as significant international recognition.

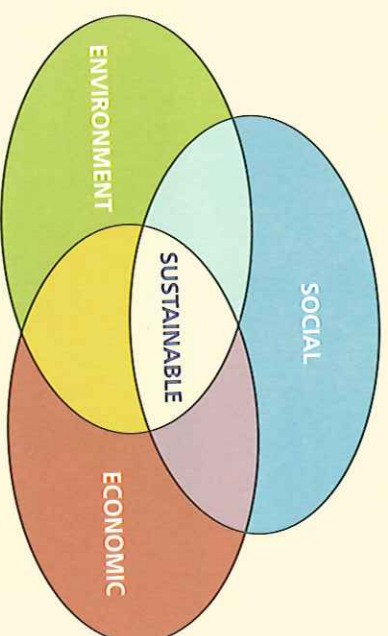
THE NHS SDU HAS ESTABLISHED:

- A strong vision for the NHS. It has produced an NHS Carbon Reduction Strategy and is helping the NHS lead the public sector in delivering sustainable services and reducing the impact of healthcare on climate change;
- A leading role in engaging with key stakeholders, convening groups to coordinate action, and generating materials and tools to support implementation. This includes developing a Route Map for a sustainable health system;
- A growing evidence base, an emerging structure of metrics and governance, including NHS wide carbon footprints, Marginal Abatement Cost Curves and regional monitoring maps;
- A database of examples of excellence which can support, motivate and inspire others;
- A record of practical support to ensure compliance with legal requirements, in relation to the UK Carbon Reduction Commitment or the European Union Emissions Trading Scheme.



In 2008 the NHS SDU calculated the largest scope 1, 2 and 3 carbon footprint in the world. The NHS carbon footprint is 21 million tonnes CO₂e. The NHS needs to reduce this by 10% by 2015 in order to be in a strong position to meet the UK government's targets for 2020 and 2050.

This means the NHS is changing at many levels, from the way it uses resources and delivers care, to the way sustainability is embedded in the modern, person centred, IT driven, cost contained health service of tomorrow.



Above:
Three interrelated dimensions of sustainable development

IN 2008 THE NHS SET UP A DEDICATED UNIT TO CO-ORDINATE AND STIMULATE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEMATICALLY ACROSS THE NHS.



DEVELOPING A HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

NHS SDU publications include:

- NHS Carbon Reduction Strategy for England: Saving Carbon, Improving Health;
- An Update to the Carbon Reduction Strategy;
- Fit for the Future: Scenarios for low carbon healthcare 2030;
- Route Map for Sustainable Health;
- Training materials: www.sdu.nhs.uk/publications-resources/
- Sustainable Development Management Plan guidance: www.sdu.nhs.uk/sd_and_the_nhs/sd-governance/sdmp.aspx

A high quality sustainable healthcare service will meet the needs of today, without compromising the needs of tomorrow. It will include the best of environmental, social and financial sustainability and provide a world leading patient centred service which minimises its impact on the environment.

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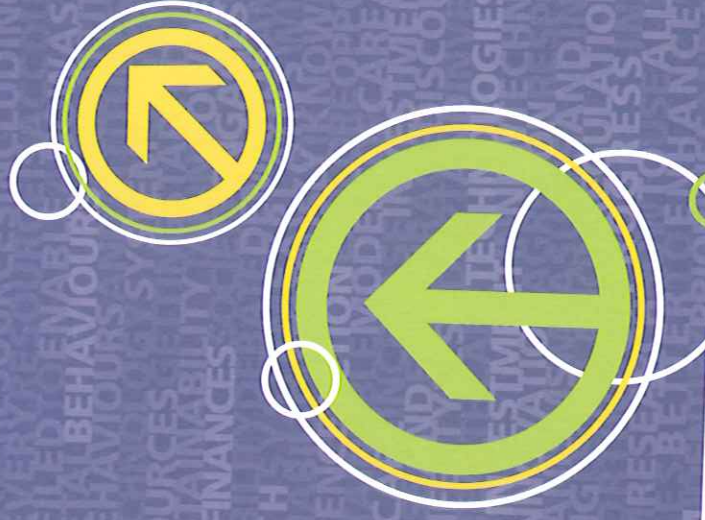
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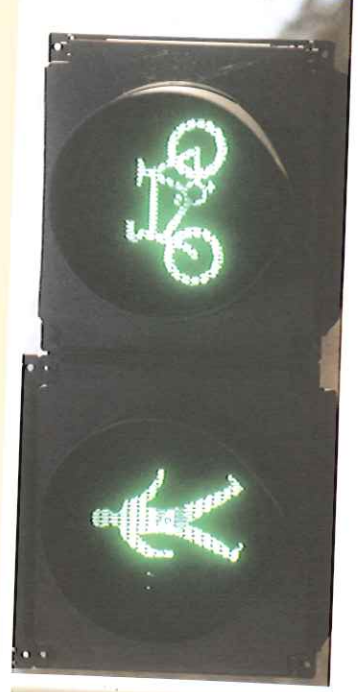
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