

Sustainable Development Policy Statement

North Bristol NHS Trust is one of the largest healthcare providers, employers and consumers in the south west.

We aspire to be a leader in the field of sustainable healthcare using our influence to enable our staff, patients, suppliers and healthcare partners achieve a sustainable and resilient health and care system for our region.

We recognise the detrimental impacts our services can have on the natural environment. As a healthcare provider, we seek to minimise these impacts whilst delivering health co-benefits for staff, patients, visitors and our local community.

In order to manage our risks and opportunities and continually improve our environmental management system we will:

- Fulfil our compliance obligations in relation to the environment.
- Protect and enhance the environment and prevent pollution.
- Maximise access to the natural environment for the benefit of health and wellbeing and for the prevention of avoidable illness.
- Manage our carbon emissions.
- Reduce the impacts from our travel and transport services.
- Manage our resources sustainably, reducing our direct environmental impacts from energy, waste, water and food.
- Embed sustainable design and construction within our capital projects.
- Manage our operational assets and critical infrastructure to promote longevity and efficiency of use.
- Adopt sustainable models of care across our services.
- Adapt our sites and services ready for a changing climate.
- Work with our suppliers and contractors to reduce the impact of the goods and services we buy.
- Support our staff through the provision of sustainable development training
- Engage staff, patients, visitors, stakeholders and our wider community on sustainable development

This policy demonstrates a commitment to the enhancement of environmental performance at North Bristol NHS Trust.

The Trust seeks certification of our Environmental Management System and will report progress annually.

This policy was approved by Trust Board on xx/xx/xxxx

The policy will be reviewed every three years