

Sustainable Development Policy

The Trust is one of the largest healthcare providers, employers and consumers in the region, and as such, the Trust's Strategy (2016-2021) aims to deliver a successful, sustainable and resilient organisation, playing a full part in an effective health and care system.

We value the importance of protecting our natural environment for the benefit of the physical and mental health and wellbeing of our community, including our patients and staff, now and in the future.

We aspire to be a leader in the field of sustainable healthcare through committed

leadership, innovation, culture change and system wide engagement and development.

We must adapt to the impacts of climate change to ensure a healthy, resilient and sustainable healthcare system ready for changing times and climates.

We strive to improve staff and patient experience by moving towards more sustainable models of care and workplace practices.

We recognise the environmental impact our local healthcare system has on the natural environment and the potential health co-benefits of minimising this impact

This policy commits North Bristol NHS Trust to the following;

- To implement an Environmental Management System
- To protect and enhance the environment, including the prevention of pollution
- To comply with all relevant obligations in relation to the environment
- To reduce our environmental impacts in carbon, energy, travel, waste and water
- To engage with staff, patients, visitors, stakeholders and the wider local community to communicate the economic, social and health benefits of sustainable development
- To prepare our community for climate change through adaptation planning, resilience and response
- To train our staff on sustainable development
- To work with our key suppliers and contractors to reduce the environmental impact of the goods and services we buy
- To source local, organic, seasonal and fairly traded ingredients for the food we serve
- To publicly report our sustainable development key performance indicators within the Sustainable Development Management Plan

This policy demonstrates our commitment to continual improvement to enhance environmental performance as part of our Sustainable Development Management Plan at North Bristol NHS Trust and has been adopted by the Trust Board.

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