

Sustainability Policy Statement

The Sustainability Policy sits alongside our existing Green Plan and outlines the commitments we must make to deliver healthcare in the most sustainable way possible to tackle the climate and ecological crises and work towards better health for our local communities, now and in the future.

The policy lays out a blueprint for how sustainability should be considered in Trust processes, decisions, and plans.

Regardless of band, role or function, it is everyone's responsibility to reduce the impact your activities and service have on the environment.

Defining Sustainability

Sustainability is defined as the integration of environmental health, social equity and economic vitality to create thriving, healthy, diverse and resilient communities for this generation and generations to come. Put simply, sustainability is ensuring “enough for everyone, forever”.

The key commitments outlined in this policy:

- Adopt sustainable models of care that prioritise the prevention of ill health and build community resilience to climate change.
- Ensure new buildings are as close to net zero as possible, efficient and adapted to climate change.
- Maximise the efficiency and lifespan of our assets and take reasonable steps to future-proof them for a net zero transition.
- Protect 15% of our estate to support local biodiversity and increase the biodiversity of new builds by 10%.
- Reduce the carbon impact of our medicines and medical gases by considering

alternatives, reducing waste and reviewing prescribing practices.

- Improve local air quality through decarbonising and optimising our travel and transport.
- Reduce the environmental impact of our catering by purchasing sustainable, nutritious and seasonal produce.
- Eliminate waste and unnecessary single use plastics throughout our services by reducing unnecessary clinical interventions and adopting reusable and refurbished options as a default.
- Use our spend as a positive influence in our community by reducing the impact of everything we purchase and promoting a fair, diverse and inclusive supply chain.

You can access the full policy on the intranet.

This policy was approved by the Finance, Digital & Performance Committee on 18th March 2025.

Signatures



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