

# Sustainability Update

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## Introduction

Climate change poses a major threat to our health as well as our planet. The environment is changing, that change is accelerating, and this has direct and immediate consequences for our patients, the public and the NHS.

The NHS is responsible for 6.3% of England's total Carbon Emissions and 5% of the air pollution, taking into account the consequence of poor air quality to health, the NHS has a social and ethical responsibility to take Sustainability seriously, driving forwards with plans for reduction.

Some of the hardest opportunities to realise in reducing NHS emissions come from changing patient and staff behaviour, for example by reducing use of cars compared to other transport, changes in behaviour are not easy for many people – for example, alternative transport may not be at hand – and they will require support.

## Plastic Pledge

The OCS team have implemented the #ThinkPlastic pledge within catering, who have replaced plastic straws and sandwich bags in catering outlets.

Following the move to Cambridge the Trust has not used any plastic plates, cutlery, straws or stirrers.

We will continue to look at other areas where we can make reductions. The pledge initially focusses on single use plastic in catering areas, however further elements encourage review of other areas where we can reduce single use plastic. The implementation of reusable gowns is an example of one such initiative undertaken.

## Developing the Papworth Green Plan

To develop plans to achieve and where possible exceed targets set out in the “For A Greener NHS” Programme, we are launching the Royal Papworth Sustainability plan. This launch was planned for earlier in the year but events relating to COVID meant the postponement of the Trust launch.

The Trust have recently appointment a dedicated Sustainability Officer and the Trust will look to develop a Sustainability Board with various working groups and focus. The sustainability board members will work across the organisation with colleagues in key areas to identify where changes can be implemented.

The Trust have joined the regional Sustainability Network, and the National Performance Advisory Group meetings, there are a number of steps associated with developing the plan which are detailed at high level on the next slide.

Activity	Date
Contact made with Regional Sustainability Network to become part of regional network of NHS Organisations developing sustainability activity on a local level.	Complete
Role of Estates and Facilities Project Support and Governance Manager appointed to.	Complete
Role of Estates and Facilities Sustainability Officer appointed to.	Complete
Discussion with CUH Lead for Sustainability to investigate ways in which the organisations can work together between sites, with Campus partners to develop sustainability planning for the area, and on a regional level to develop NHS sustainability planning goals.	Ongoing
Contact made with National Performance Advisory Group to join national NHS Sustainability Leads group and become part of a national network of NHS Organisations developing sustainability activity on a national level.	Ongoing
Trust to sign up to the #ThinkPlastic pledge, with OCS already committed to the initiative within Catering outlets on the site.	Complete
Completion of ERIC return, which will assist with baseline information for the Trust on which to develop targets for the Green Plan (to be developed)	September 2020
Review Sustainable Development Assessment Tool (SDAT) via Sustainable Development Unit (SDU)	October 2020
Approach Service Leads to request identification of appropriate responsible person to advise the Sustainable Development Committee on progress within the relevant departments.	October 2020
Implement Sustainable Development Committee meetings on a monthly/bi-monthly basis	November 2020
Complete Sustainable Development Assessment Tool (SDAT) via Sustainable Development Unit (SDU)	December 2020
Review options to implement a 'Green Champions' programme within Royal Papworth and ways to promote participation.	December 2020
Develop baseline information for the Trust sites for the historical past 12 months to enable review in trends and investigate where and why discrepancies have taken place	Ongoing
Develop Green Plan for Royal Papworth Hospital	January 2021