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Shine Green News Bulletin – November 2023

With so much activity on sustainability in healthcare taking place across the NHS and wider, we have decided to try to pull together a Shine Green News Bulletin to compile the most useful and interesting bits of information.

If you would like us to include anything in the monthly bulletin, please email nuth.environment@nhs.net by 12 p.m. on the last Friday of the month.

Greener NHS North-East and Yorkshire Bulletin

You can sign up for the monthly North East and Yorkshire Greener NHS Bulletin [here](#).

To read the October 2023 edition [Go to this Sway](#)

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The month's highlights include:

- Travel & Transport – Directions to Greener Travel: NHS Transport leading the way.
- Measuring the carbon footprint of medicines – webinar, 22nd November.
- Healthcare Staff and the Climate Crisis – Green Minds workshop, 8th November.
- Funding opportunities from NIHR, SBRI, Crown Commercial Services.

Sustainability in Healthcare update – Libraries and Information Service

The Trust's Libraries and Information Service shares this [sustainability bulletin](#) produced by Hampshire Hospitals Library Service. It contains links to journals, digital toolkits, e-books, case

studies and more related to sustainability in healthcare, and is a really comprehensive collection of information, research & guidance.

Please take 5 minutes to have a look, and see what new articles, research and toolkits are available to support a transition to sustainable models of care in your area or service.

For example:

- The carbon cost of inappropriate endoscopy
- Waste audit comparison - operating room laryngeal surgery.
- Health professionals' role in promoting health and environmental sustainability through sustainable food advocacy
- Planet centred care – The BMJ (podcast series)

The Green Champions Network

To enable you to become more networked as Green Champions and support greater partnership working, we have uploaded the Green Champions contact list to the 'files' in the Green Champions Team.

This means you can easily see who else is a Green Champion within your department or directorate, who is a Green Champion Plus, and who has completed the Sustainability Ambassador programme.

As a Green Champion you are free to post messages in this Team, and share questions, resources and general discussion about all things sustainability.

There are over 400 Green Champions in all areas and levels of the organisation, and **we hope this will make you feel more connected and able to work collaboratively on the issues that really matter to you.**

Reducing Wasted Medicines – Report Back Workshop

In partnership with Newcastle Improvement and Pharmacy we have been running a QI project to look at the issue of high volumes of medicines waste.

The purpose of this session will be to share the findings to date, and discuss scaling up and spread by finding new areas to test these changes, with support from Newcastle Improvement, Pharmacy and Sustainability Teams.

If you are interested in finding out more about the project and might be willing to be a test area for some of these change ideas, please come along to this workshop on the 14th November, 11 – 12.30. Email laura.middlemass@nhs.net for a meeting invitation.

Waste Awareness Week

Waste Awareness Week recently took place, during which there was a different focus every day on an aspect of waste management within our hospitals which can help us either to improve the safe

handling of waste, ensure compliant segregation, improve sustainability, or save money on treatment and disposal costs.

Please visit our page on the intranet here: [Intranet > Support Services > Sustainability > Waste and Recycling > Waste Awareness Week](#) for training videos, posters and guidance for you to download and use in your wards and departments.

Sustainability in QI

We highly recommend all Green Champions watch the recording of the Newcastle Improvement Learning and Sharing Event – Sustainability and QI – from 17th October available here [Newcastle Improvement Learning and sharing event 17 October 2023 - YouTube](#)

It was delivered by Sarah Watson and Dr. Suren Kanagasundaram and featured a brilliant explanation and example of how the Model for Improvement can be used to transition our services to sustainable models of care.

There is plenty of support available from Newcastle Improvement and the Sustainability Team to help you do this.

Climate Emergency Action Fund

Funding is available, but must be spent by the end of March 2023, for your sustainability initiatives! Email nuth.environment@nhs.net for an application form.

There is now a Funding Opportunities page on the Greener NHS Knowledge Hub [Funding Opportunities - Greener NHS Knowledge Hub - FutureNHS Collaboration Platform](#) which brings together a range of funding. A login is required to the Future NHS Collaboration Platform.

Shine Sustainable Healthcare webpages

Please visit the Shine webpages at <https://www.flourishatnewcastlehospitals.co.uk/flourish-key-themes/sustainable-healthcare/> where you will find links to a wide variety of training, resources and case studies.

Activity across healthcare

As the sustainable healthcare agenda continues to gain momentum, there are the other networks we have become aware of that you may wish to explore. Some are linked below.

Please take some time to investigate what is happening in your specialism or area of expertise and access resources and support. The list below is just a start! There are many more resources out there.

[Infection Prevention Society Sustainability Special Interest Group](#)
[Green ED – Royal College of Emergency Medicine](#)

[Greener Endoscopy](#)

[Royal College of Nursing Sustainability](#)

[Centre for Sustainable Healthcare](#)

[Sustainable Healthcare Coalition](#)