

Sustainability Policy

Meeting the needs of today without compromising the needs of tomorrow

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Public Sector Equality Duty

The general equality duty requires public sector bodies, in the exercise of their functions, to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited under the Equality Act 2010
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a relevant protected characteristic and people who do not share it
- Foster good relations between people who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it

The NHS Lewisham CCG Sustainability Policy will ensure that the organisation takes a sustainable development approach to its commissioning duties. The benefits of the policy will be felt by all the people of Lewisham irrespective of their personal characteristics. Those Lewisham residents living in areas prone to flooding will benefit more than others.

Policy Statement

NHS Lewisham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) will develop a Sustainability Development Management Plan to meet our statutory obligation to cut carbon emissions under the Climate Change Act (2008).

We will reduce our carbon footprint by 10% from a 2007 baseline by 2015, 34% by 2020 and by 80% by 2050.

NHS Lewisham CCG will connect with existing Lewisham wide environmental partnership groups.

NHS Lewisham CCG will seek to work with its providers of NHS funded services to commit to the NHS Carbon Reduction Strategy and to reduce their carbon emissions in line with the targets set out above.

Scope

This policy applies to all Lewisham CCG employees when commissioning services and transacting business on behalf of Lewisham CCG.

Responsibilities

The Chief Officer is responsible for ensuring that NHS Lewisham CCG commissions services in a way that is sustainable and meets its statutory duties.

The Corporate Director is responsible for ensuring that NHS Lewisham CCG has a Sustainability Policy and a Sustainable Development Management Plan which will achieve the carbon reduction targets set out in the Climate Change Act (2008) and which supports the NHS Carbon Reduction Strategy.

The Head of Integrated Governance is responsible for ensuring that the actions from the Sustainable Development Management Plan are implemented and monitored.

All members and employees of NHS Lewisham CCG are responsible for the implementation of the actions from the Sustainable Development Management Plan and to ensure that they are incorporated into their day to day work where applicable.

Implementation Plan

The Sustainable Development Action Plan will be agreed and monitored by the Strategy & Development Committee.

Monitoring

The effectiveness of the Sustainable Development Action Plan will be measured using the Good Corporate Citizenship Assessment Model.

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References

Climate Change Act (2008) - <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/27/contents>

NHS Carbon Reduction Strategy - <http://www.sduhealth.org.uk/sustainable-health/engagement-resources.aspx>

Background

Sustainability can be defined as meeting the needs of today without compromising the needs of tomorrow. Therefore a sustainable organisation is one that often has the best chance of long term survival.

The health system is committed to reducing its carbon emissions in line with the UK Climate Change Act (2008). The act enables the UK to become a low carbon economy. It sets in place a legally binding framework allowing the government to introduce measures which will achieve carbon reduction and mitigate and adapt to climate change.

As the largest public sector emitter of carbon emissions, the health system has a duty to respond to meet these statutory targets. In order to achieve these targets the NHS has committed to reducing its carbon footprint by 10% by 2015. It will then be on track to achieving its legal obligations to reduce emissions by 34% by 2020 and 50% by 2025.

Commissioning for Sustainable Development is the process by which commissioners improve both the sustainability of an organisation and the way it provides services and interacts with people in the community. It also;

- Saves money
- Saves resources
- Benefits patients and staff

The Carbon Reduction Strategy asks organisations to sign up to the Good Corporate Citizenship Assessment Model and to produce a Board approved Sustainable Development Management Plan (SDMP).

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