



Climate Emergency for Managers – what you need to know

This is an information pack for managers which covers:

1. What is the Climate Emergency?
2. Why is the Climate Emergency a Health Emergency?
3. What is Newcastle Hospitals doing to address it?
4. What can you do in your role as a manager?

This pack is designed to give you all the information you need to understand the issues as well as what you can do in your role as a manager to contribute.

There is also a 2-hour Climate Emergency for Managers training session which covers the subject in more detail and includes the opportunity to discuss these issues with members of the sustainability team and other managers. These run every two months, please contact nuth.environment@nhs.net to book.

Step 1

Please watch the following videos:

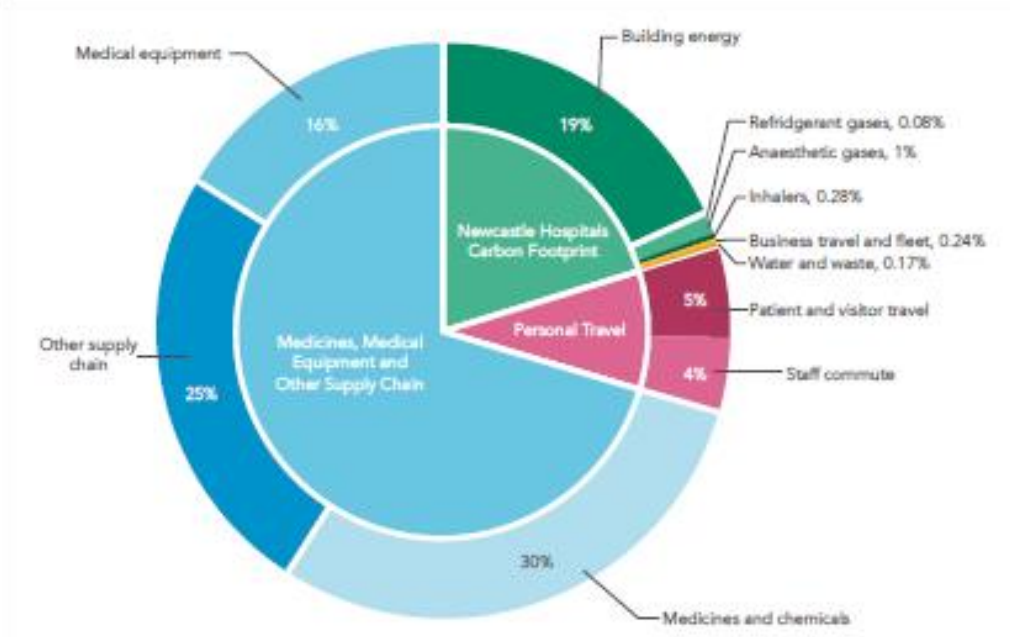
- Why did Newcastle Hospitals declare a climate emergency, and what does it mean? (04.53) [Shine Climate Emergency Video - YouTube](#)
- Why is the Climate Emergency a Health Emergency? The Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change. (03.28) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bp6avcckCcg>
- What do our staff and patients think about how the Climate Emergency will affect them, their patients and the service they deliver? (04.27) <https://vimeo.com/672425096>
- Climate Reality Check – the science behind the Climate Emergency, and why action is so urgent. (16.47) <https://vimeo.com/672423107>
- Did air pollution kill my daughter? (05.03) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-5XVGif1AY>

Step 2

As a whole the NHS is responsible for around 5% of the UK's emissions, and is responsible for around 5% of all traffic on the roads.

Newcastle Hospitals has committed to achieving Net Zero Carbon care for the emissions we control by 2030, and for the emissions we influence by 2040.

In 2020/21 our total carbon footprint was 318,902 tonnes CO₂e. The vast majority of that comes from the products and services we buy and use to deliver our services (see pie chart).



It will not be possible for us to achieve our goals without the help, support and action of all our staff. We want to inspire, inform and empower our people to deliver sustainable healthcare, by:

- Embedding Shine and climate emergency action into the culture of our organisation
- Upskilling our workforce and ensuring capacity to address the climate emergency
- Empowering our people to make the most sustainable choice

What can you do?

1. Download and read the [‘What Good Looks Like – Model for Sustainability in your Directorate’](#). Can you implement some of the suggestions within your department/directorate? Are there enough Green Champions and Green Champions Plus? Consider if you could establish a sustainability working group. Could you put more members of staff on sustainability training?
2. Explore the resources available from the sustainability team: [Intranet > Support Services > Sustainability](#), including training, a sustainability toolkit, climate emergency action fund and more. Consider how they could be used to help you become a sustainable directorate.
3. Book a follow up meeting at nuth.environment@nhs.net to speak to a member of the sustainability team to take the first steps towards becoming a model directorate for sustainability.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this activity.