

Context

Newcastle Hospitals has committed to reaching Net Zero for the carbon footprint plus by 2040. Crucially this includes the carbon footprint related to the goods and services provided to us by our suppliers.

We have been engaging with the supply chain, and provided this opportunity for them to share learning on their Net Zero journey.

SEE Sustainability delivers carbon literacy training & education to staff.

Step 1 Do you support Newcastle Hospitals' Net Zero ambitions, which includes reaching Net Zero Carbon across our footprint plus (including suppliers) by 2040?

Yes

Step 2. What support and guidance have you accessed?

Attend workshops and received information pack

Step 3. Do you measure and report the carbon footprint of your organisation?

Yes

Step 4. Have you published a carbon reduction target or Net Zero target for your organisation?

Yes

Step 5. Have you published a Carbon Reduction Plan (CRP)?

Yes

What low carbon initiatives have you implemented?

- Our carbon reduction plan is designed to leave nothing but footprints;
- Our purchasing policy demands no purchases of anything new wherever possible.
- We try to source from as close as possible to our base, from independent traders wherever possible.
- All travel is by foot, bike, public transport or electric vehicle.
- Our IT kit is all refurbished, repairable and/or reused.
- Our office enables working from home.
- We are paperless, apart from loo roll, which is 100% bamboo, bleach-free and arrives in plastic-free packaging.
- We will request all those who provide Scope 3 services to have their carbon footprint calculated (e.g. via <https://www.climatecare.org/calculator/> and have a carbon reduc-



tion plan.

- And our energy comes from 100% renewable sources.

Any challenges or barriers?

- Biggest proportion (65%) of the footprint was using computer programmers for a piece of work constructing a carbon calculator for GPs (<https://www.gpcarbon.org/#/>) based on expenditure conversion factors.
- Working with my suppliers to enable them to reduce their emissions is vital for me to reduce mine (and then for the Trust to reduce theirs)
- Our footprint could climb (if another calculator/computer program is written) or fall (if not) depending on future contracts.

Any opportunities or ideas?

It would be great if there was information available that I could pass to my suppliers with a check list for them to complete.

More info:

Carbon footprint of SEE <https://seesustainability.co.uk/blog/f/carbon-footprint-of-see>

Emissions per hour work – 0.94 kg CO₂e. About 8kg CO₂e for a days work