

**Trust Board
Report Summary**

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Title of Document: Green Plan	
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1. Status: For <u>Approval</u> /Discussion/Assurance/ <u>Noting</u> /Information	
2. Purpose: The reason for this report is to seek approval of the updated Green Plan as a stand alone document noting that it is intended that this will form a component part of a suite of 'sustainability' documents which will be developed as part of an expanded sustainability strategy over the next 12 months.	
Relates to:	
Strategic Objective	Keep people in control of their health; <u>Lead the integration of care;</u> Develop our centres of excellence; Support and develop our staff; <u>Drive technology enabled care</u>
Operational performance	Enhancement of operational performance across the NHS, ensuring sustainable practices contribute to more efficient, resilient, and high-quality healthcare delivery.
Quality	By focusing on sustainable healthcare practices, ESNEFT is not only reducing its environmental footprint, but also elevating the quality of care, creating a healthier environment that benefits both patients and healthcare professionals.
Legal, Regulatory, Audit	Civil Contingencies Act 2004, Climate Change Act 2008, Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012.
Finance	Financial implications are significant, offering long-term cost savings and better resource allocation, ensuring financial sustainability in line with environmental goals.
Governance	The adherence to the sustainability goals within the strategic framework of ESNEFT exemplifies good governance, showcasing a commitment to responsible, transparent, and accountable management that aligns with broader societal and environmental objectives.
NHS policy/public consultation	https://www.england.nhs.uk/greenernhs/get-involved/organisations/
Accreditation/ Inspection	The NHS Standard Contract requires the Trust to demonstrate progress on climate change adaptation, mitigation, and sustainable development, and must provide a summary of that progress in the annual report. HM Treasury sustainability reporting template

	Annual Estates Return Information Collection (ERIC) data
Anchor institutions	Our green plan is aligned with our local public sector partners in Suffolk and Essex to drive Net Zero targets
ICS/ICB/Alliance	System-wide approach with Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care System (SNEE ICS)
Board Assurance Framework (BAF) Risk	
<p>3. Summary:</p> <p>Overview</p> <p>The NHS has committed to becoming the world's first health service to achieve carbon net zero. The 'Delivering a Net Zero Health Service' report outlines ambitious targets for carbon reduction, encompassing direct emissions (Scope 1) and indirect emissions (Scopes 2 and 3), including patient and visitor travel, and medicines used at home. The ESNEFT Green Plan (January 2024 - March 2027) aligns with this commitment, detailing strategies for East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust (ESNEFT) to achieve Net Zero.</p> <p>Key Targets</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> NHS Carbon Footprint (Scope 1): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Net Zero by 2040. 80% reduction from baseline by 2028-2032. NHS Carbon Footprint Plus (Scopes 1, 2, 3): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Net Zero + by 2045. 80% reduction from baseline by 2036-2039. <p>Drivers for Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal requirements: Civil Contingencies Act 2004, Climate Change Act 2008, Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012. NHS mandatory drivers: Sustainable Development Strategy (2014-2020), NHS Carbon Reduction Strategy for England, NHS England Long Term Plan. <p>ESNEFT Green Plan Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction in Carbon Footprint by 4,200t from 2019-20 emissions, ahead of the target for 2022-23. Implementation of workforce and system leadership programs, digital transformation, and adaptation measures. Significant progress in clinical practice, estates and facilities, travel and transport, food and nutrition, and supply chain and procurement. <p>Governance and Reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trust Board: Strategic oversight and approval of the Green Plan. Sustainability Steering Group: Quarterly review and implementation of detailed action plans. Net Zero Category Delivery Groups: Category-specific action and feedback. Green Champions: Staff involvement and advocacy. Monitoring and Reporting: Compliance with NHS Standard Contract, ERIC data, and HM Treasury sustainability reporting. <p>Future Focus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing to drive carbon footprint reduction in line with NHS Net Zero targets. Enhancing measurement and quantitative data for NHS Carbon Footprint Plus. 	

- Strengthening cross-divisional collaboration to address key themes and subgroups.
- Prioritising innovative approaches in challenging areas such as natural gas removal.

Conclusion

ESNEFT, in alignment with NHS's Net Zero commitment, demonstrates significant progress and dedication towards sustainable healthcare. Ongoing efforts and strategic planning are crucial to achieve the set targets and positively impact health and environmental outcomes.

4. Recommendations / Actions

The Trust Board is invited to approve the Green Plan and note the plans for further development of a wider sustainability strategy over the next 12 months.