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Sustainable development (Green policies)

Green policies

As a good NHS organisation, we must try to have a good effect on our local people. In this case **sustainability** is about using natural resources well, for the good of local people and the environment they live in.

Green policies

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Buying for **Sustainable Development** means buyers try to improve the future of an organisation and the way it provides services and how it links with people in the community.

Green policies

With costs rising, it's important to make sure local health organisations stay strong. Everyone has a part to play in this.

Green policies

There are some key things to think about. These are:

- How patients can look after their own health and long-term conditions,
- Checking medicines to cut the number of prescriptions that aren't really needed
- New ways of care being introduced through GP practices.

Green policies

We have written a Green Plan (you can find it on our website). This tells you how we work in an **ethical** and sustainable way. It gives clear targets, so we will know how well we have done.

Green policies

Checking our green plan is working is part of everything we do. Showing how we think about our local people and environment makes sure we follow the rules we need to.

Green policies

In 2018 the NHS published its Long-Term Plan. This shows how the NHS will change in the next 10 years and the money put aside for the NHS over the next five years to help make those changes happen.

Green policies

We have a sustainability **mission statement**. This says, we will:

- Plan and buy health and social care in line with our green plan

- Be a green organisation and ask our GP Practices to do the same

- Check we are doing what we said we would

- Buy services are safe and work well.

- Buy high quality services, that show the best value for money, and protect our local environment

- Cut out waste

- Focus on prevention

- Talk to patients and the public and involve them in what we do

- Protect **community assets**

- Make the best us of what we have

- Cut our carbon emissions

Green policies

As a part of the NHS, public health and social care system, cut our carbon emissions carbon emissions (on a 1990 start), by

- Around a third by 2020
- Around half by 2025 (We will also try to improve air quality by cutting pollution from business mileage and vehicles by a fifth by 2023-24)
- Ensuring that most of the NHS fleet uses low-emissions engines by 2028
- Phasing out coal and oil fuel in NHS sites

Green policies

With support from co-workers, we think about the risks to the environment local people and business before we buy. If such a risk is noticed this is looked at before and during the period when we talk to possible providers. We think about how to include this in any designs and buying documents.

We use **the <u>Sustainable Development Assessment Tool</u>** (SDAT). The tool helps NHS and health and care organisations understand how well their green plans are going and where work is needed. The tool has several parts and uses broad themes. Sections include:

- **Corporate approach**
- **Asset management & utilities**
- **Travel and logistics**
- **Adaptation**
- **Capital projects**
- **Green space & biodiversity**
- **Sustainable care models**
- **Our people**
- **Sustainable use of resources**

Green Plan testing tool

The latest assessment (December 2019) gave us an overall score of 66% across the parts measured

The table shows the scores that make up the the main score.

Green Plan testing tool

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Section	2019
Corporate approach	85.9%
Travel and logistics	59.38%
Asset management and utilities	33.33%
Our people	96.77%
Adaptation	89.86%
Sustainable care models	80.77%
Capital projects	37.04%
Sustainable use of resources	45.83%
Green space and biodiversity	52.17%
Carbon/Greenhouse gases	36.94%
SDAT overall Score	66%

Green Plan testing tool

Climate change tests our business in our buildings, and patient health. Recently the effects of heat waves, extreme temperatures and prolonged periods of cold, floods, droughts etc. have had a growing effect.

Green Plan testing tool

We see the need for a plan for future climate change risks affecting our area and with our partner RBC have written "Our Plan of Action for the Planet 2020-2025 (draft).

Green policies

Sustainable development is part of the way we will deliver our plans and will become part of the usual way we work.

Green policies

As a major employer and as a healthcare buyer, we will work with our local people to keep our environment safe.

Green policies

RBC has a new big plan, 'Prosperous People and Places - Our Corporate Plan 2019-2022'. Over the next three years, Rochdale borough will become a great place to grow up, get on and live well.

Green policies

To buy wisely and effectively, and to protect the environment we need to work with our partners.

We are working closely with;

- RBC
- Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA)
- Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust
- Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust
- Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust
- Rochdale Health Alliance

Green policies

Through partnership working we can make sure that we design sustainable services that:

- Raise the quality of services for our patients
- Create care with lower overall cost and better results
- Plan our business well

Green policies

We know the health and care system makes up a large proportion of road traffic We will try to to reduce the impact of our travel and transport on the environment as well as using new technologies where we can.

Green policies

We will try to make sure buildings for providing health services are designed with sustainability in mind where possible.

Green policies

We rent our office space at Number One Riverside from RBC which holds between about 1,700 RBC and CCG staff, public facing services and public areas.

Information on our use of use of energy, water and recycling is not available as the CCG is based within Number One Riverside. However, will reduce our environmental impact by;

- Turning off lights when leaving meeting rooms
- Turning off PCs, monitors and all chargers when not in use
- Turning off all equipment when not in use
- Encourage a paperless office

Green policies

We will try to reduce our carbon footprint by;

- **Energy** – working with partners to cut the use of non-renewable energy sources and look for other sources and technology to reduce use of energy across all activities
- **Waste** – cut the amount of waste we make and its impact by trying to cut, reuse, recycle and recover otherwise redundant resources
- **Transport** – we will keep trying to reduce the environmental impact of transport including unneeded travel.

Green policies

Events such as heatwaves, cold snaps and flooding are expected to rise as because of climate change. To ensure our services continue to meet the needs of our local population during such events, we have several plans and rules ready with our partners.

We know green space and **biodiversity** play a big part in helping patients get better and help staff wellbeing. We will help change these areas, through funding to provider organisations improving or replacing buildings and protecting the natural environment, including the prevention of pollution.

Green policies

By working with the Local Care Organisation (LCO) – One Rochdale Health and Care we provide the personal care valued by both patients and GPs. By working in partnership we can grow care designed jointly by clinicians and service users.

Green policies

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We know our workforce plays a big part in keeping a sustainable organisation and we will try to attract and keep talented people and build a great place to work. We will keep doing this by:

- workforce training programmes
- setting objectives in annual **staff appraisals** that link sustainability to specific roles and responsibilities
- link to local, regional and national projects to manage our sustainability work

Green policies

Our Governing Body fully support the Government's efforts to get rid of modern slavery and human trafficking. Our modern slavery and human trafficking statement is published on our website.

Green policies

We have no direct control over the use of natural resources due to renting office spare. However we will try to reduce energy usage by turning off all equipment when not in use.

We will carry on trying to use of recyclable stationery and use recycling bins as well as general waste bins. We will reduce printing, print double sided and in black and white.

Difficult or unusual words

Sustainable development – ways of working that will keep the organisation working well and protect the local environment and local people.

Sustainability – the power to keep going

Ethical – honest, following a good moral policy, doing things for good reasons

Mission statement – a statement describing the key aims of an organisation and how it intends to get there

Community assets – things of value that exist in a community. It could be local skilled people, key buildings like community centres, or partnerships working for the good of the community.

Sustainable Development Assessment Tool -   It is an online self-checking tool to help organisations understand their sustainable development work. It helps check progress and help make plans.

Corporate approach – the way a business does things

Asset management & utilities - using resources such as money, buildings, people, and energy resources in the best way possible.

Travel and logistics – moving people or goods from one place to another

Adaptation – making change to do things better

Capital projects – projects that use money to improve buildings, roads etc.

Green space & biodiversity – Using green spaces and nature responsibly where each part, no matter how small, all have an important role to play.

Sustainable care models - Changing the way care is given to grow a

type of care that looks at the clinical side but also all the things that it may affect or be affected by. This means thinking about the environment and the impacts of services on people.

Our people – the people that work in or visit our organisation

Sustainable use of resources – using funds and materials responsibility so they can grow and not runout.

Biodiversity - all the different species and forms of life on the planet (animals, plants, people etc.)