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Sustainable Development Unit  
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## **A CROSS ENGLAND HEALTH SYSTEM STATEMENT FOR UN THE CLIMATE SUMMIT**

This statement comes from the health and care system in England in  
support of jointly delivering more climate friendly services  
September 2014

## Joint statement for the UN Climate Summit in New York on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014:

### Cross System Group for Sustainable Development across the Health, Public Health and Social Care in England:

The NHS, Public Health and Social Care System in England is keen to demonstrate support to the WHO and UN processes towards a more sustainable world.

The cross system group for sustainable development in the health sector in England meets regularly to share and provide ambition, leadership, vision, and cross system support from and for the health and care system in relation to sustainable development.

As a group, we will work together to implement '*Sustainable, Resilient, Healthy People & Places – A Sustainable Development Strategy for the NHS, Public Health and Social Care system*', launched in January 2014.

Success criteria include:

- reducing our carbon emissions across the system by at least 34% by 2020 (on a 1990 baseline),
- embedding sustainability into decision making processes at all levels,
- supporting local leadership in attaining sustainable, resilient, healthy people and places,
- having regularly-updated extreme weather plans in place to deal with events such as heat waves, flooding and cold.

We will do this in collaboration with each other, sharing and learning from our experiences and from other systems around the world, because we believe that this will deliver improved services, and healthier, sustainable, resilient people and places. We will review this on a yearly basis, reporting key measures in relation to our carbon footprint and a system wide dashboard.

The group is formed of high level representation from the breadth of the health and care system organisations to ensure an effective system-wide approach to sustainable development and includes the following organisations:

Health Education England	NHS Trust Development Authority
Health and Social Care Information Centre	NICE (National Institute for Health and Care Excellence)
Living With Environmental Change	Public Health England
Local Government Association	Royal College of General Practitioners
Monitor	Royal College of Nursing
NHS Alliance	Royal Pharmaceutical Society
NHS Confederation	Social Care Institute for Excellence
NHS England	Society Of Local Authority Chief Executives
NHS Property Services	UK Government

Statement convened by the Sustainable Development Unit for the NHS, Public Health and Social Care System in England