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We hope you enjoy reading our NHS SDU Bulletin.

News highlights this fortnight are:

- The NHS celebrates reducing its building energy use;
- Join us for our Route Map for Sustainable Health workshop;
- Find out who was judged the best Good Corporate Citizen in the NHS.

Please contact Karl if you would like to submit a news item for future Bulletins.

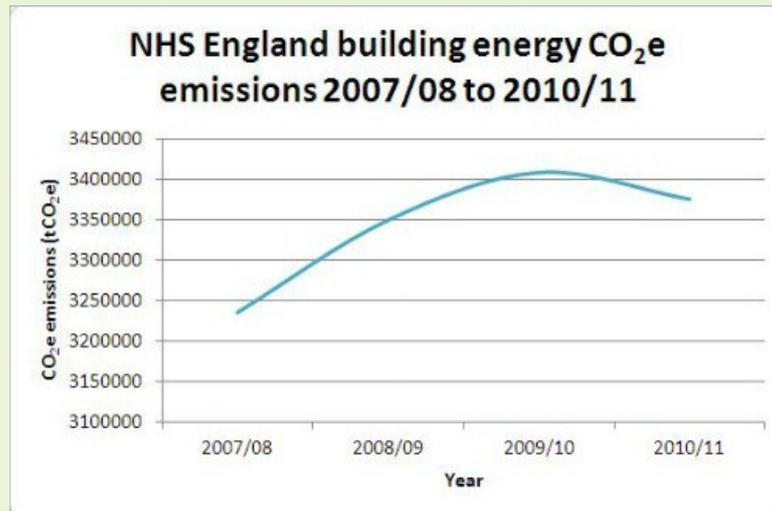
News

Good News - NHS Building Energy Reduction

We're pleased to report that in the last year we have seen a 1% drop in the carbon footprint, in relation to building energy use in the NHS in England.

This is despite a 2.8% increase in levels of activity and a cold winter.

This reduction is an excellent sign that progress is being made and becoming apparent in annual measurements.



The last year's decrease represents a saving of at least £2.9m for the NHS in England.

In addition, an increase in recycling of 39% (by weight) has significantly reduced carbon emissions and improved use of limited resources. [Find out more.](#)

The Health Service Journal HSJ has written an article on this good news story. [Read the article.](#)

Please note: The 1% drop in the building energy carbon footprint must be viewed in the context that the last four years have seen an overall rise of 4.3% in building energy usage. However in the last year building energy usage has started to reduce.

Route Map Event 19th January

On the 19th January 2012 the NHS SDU will be hosting its second Route Map for Sustainable Health meeting and workshop.

The event will take place in London at the PricewaterhouseCoopers offices at 1 Embankment Place (see [location map](#)) from 10am to 4pm.

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One of the aims of the second workshop is to consider what we can do as a group to help the NHS engage effectively with the sustainable healthcare agenda. We'll explore how to collaborate effectively, how best to use the group's combined expertise and how we can make a difference to the long term future of the NHS.

If you are interested in attending then please register your interest with [Rosy Hunt](#). Places are limited.

The event will go from 10am to 4pm, lunch included.

Monitor Consultation

There isn't long left for you to respond to Monitor's consultation on the proposed amendments to the NHS Foundation Trust Annual Reporting Manual for 2011/12.

The consultation includes reporting on sustainable development (SD). It would be useful if Foundation Trusts responded and highlighted the need for SD reporting to be mandatory.

More information can be found on [Monitor's website](#).

The SDU will be providing a formal consultation response shortly and this will be found on [our website](#).

Responses should be returned by 18th December.

GCC winner at the HSJ awards

Staff at Sussex Community NHS Trust (SCT) have been celebrating after taking 1st prize in the Good Corporate Citizenship Award at the 30th HSJ Awards.

Sonia Roschnik, SDU Operational Director presented the award in front of more than 1400 people at the national ceremony. She said:

"Sussex Community NHS Trust demonstrated substantial and tangible results at a time of transition and considerable organisational change".

Sussex's ambitious five-year sustainable development management plan (SDMP) promises zero waste to landfill, and 25% carbon footprint reduction by 2015.

The trust has already saved more than a 1000 tonnes of CO₂, energy efficiency has increased by a third and recycling is on the increase.

The programme has also delivered savings of £140,000 in its first year.

[Find out more.](#)

GCC - Makeover

Many of you who use the Good Corporate Citizenship (GCC) website will be pleased to hear that we will be improving the functionality of the GCC website and updating the assessment tool.

This will be taking place in two phases.

The first phase will include improvements which have been recommended by a group of GCC users. They have acted as consultants to the website development. These improvements will predominately improve the functionality of the site.

The new improved site will go live on 1st March 2012.

Following the launch we will hold a consultation for Phase 2 improvements. More on this will follow in due course.

Are you sharing your results as a Good Corporate Citizen?

[Have a look on the GCC website.](#)

UN Climate Change Talks - Durban

It's been a year since the last major UN Climate Change talks were held in Cancun in Mexico.

From the 28th November to the 9th December world leaders will congregate in Durban, South Africa to discuss what we can all do to reduce our impact on the climate.

Find out more about Durban [here](#).

You may also be interested in reading John Ashton's article in the Guardian newspaper. The Foreign Secretary's Special Representative on Climate Change emphasises the importance of securing a legally binding approach at the Durban Climate Summit, stating that there really is no viable plan B as voluntary pledges will not be enough to keep the world below 2°C.

[Read the article.](#)

NHS Sustainability Day of Action

It is important that the NHS celebrates and promotes the success of its endeavours to reduce carbon emissions and to become more sustainable.

That is why the SDU in conjunction with University College London Hospitals NHS FT are asking NHS organisations and their stakeholders to sign up to a 'Day of Action' on sustainability – on Wednesday the 28th March 2012.

Examples of the sort of action that you could take are:

- Holding a day of action on the 28th March 2012
- Promoting sustainability and carbon awareness
- Publicising the event
- Getting all members of staff to engage with patients and partners and work together to make a difference on sustainability issues
- Raise awareness of sustainability in: clinical practice; local sourcing of food; low carbon menus; procurement; and active travel including walking to work and using public transport.

Please pledge your support by emailing Sustainabilityday2012@uclh.nhs.uk and let us know what you are planning for the 28th March.

More details will be posted over the coming weeks.

Climate Change and Health and Social Care reforms

The Local Government Association (LGA) in association with the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) have produced a short publication targeted at local authorities, health and wellbeing boards, commissioning groups and health services.

It describes how climate change should be part and parcel of the new structures, responsibilities and ways of working in health and social care.

It states how a relatively small investment in strategic thinking now could make a big difference in the long run by helping local authorities and new health and wellbeing boards (HWBs) manage risk and health inequalities etc.

[Find out more.](#)

New Poll

Please take a moment to click on our new poll on the [SDU website](#).

It only takes a few seconds to do this and the results are incredibly useful as it helps us build a picture of sustainability across the NHS.

The latest poll questions is:

Does your Chief Executive take sustainability seriously in your organisation? (Yes / No)

Previous Poll

We had a fantastic response to our previous poll, with hundreds of you taking part.

The previous poll question was, *"Is it essential that environmental sustainability is part of future plans for the NHS?"*

The results were:

88% = Yes
4% = No
8% = Undecided.

Sonia Roschnik, Operational Director of the NHS SDU said:

“We believe that sustainability is core to the NHS reforms and that it provides significant opportunities to improve the way the NHS is run. We are delighted that so many of you support the fact that environmental sustainability is a fundamental element to the future plans for the NHS.”

NHS Reuse Programme

For a limited time NHS organisations have the opportunity to sign up to the NHS Reuse programme for free.

Normally it costs around £3,000 per year but the sign up fee is being waived for the next 10 Trusts to join.

NHS Reuse has been set up to reuse old office furniture and equipment across the NHS. This helps organisations make money, save money and reuse resources.

[Find out more.](#)

Global Green and Healthy Hospitals

The NHS SDU has become one of the founding members of a new global initiative: Global Green and Healthy Hospitals.

The collaboration will promote greater sustainability and environmental health in the health sector around the world.

We urge you to sign up to the www.greenhospitals.net and help the NHS become a worldwide ambassador for sustainable healthcare.

For further information please contact [Sonia Roschnik](#).

Public Sector Sustainability Awards

The nominations for the Public Sector Sustainability Awards have closed and the winners will be announced in December.

The aim of these awards is simple:

- to promote environmental leadership
- and to innovate and inspire all those in the public sector who are committed to reducing the carbon footprint of their organisation.

[More information.](#)

Blog Spot

You may be interested to read a couple of blogs that have been posted recently.

[David Pencheon](#) (SDU) explores why anaesthetists embrace climate change so readily.

[Julian Sheather](#) (BMA) writes an interesting piece on the comparisons between climate change and the four horsemen of the apocalypse!

[Tracey Koehlmoos](#) (ICDDR) describes how climate change has a major impact on health as well as a nation's security.

We Want Your Case Studies

Do you have any case studies which would inspire people to use the Fit for the Future Scenarios in their training and development programmes?

Do you have any case studies which use the Route Map for Sustainable Health to inspire change within an organisation?

Do you have any case studies demonstrating the staff and organisational benefits from having a Sustainable Development Management Plan (SDMP)?

Please fill in our simple [template](#) and send to [Karl](#) by the 15th December or if you would like to discuss further please do not hesitate to [contact us](#).

Recap

Climate Week – March 2012

More than 80 NHS organisations took part in Climate Week earlier this year.

You now have the opportunity to join the campaign again (12 – 18th March 2012).

Find out more on the Climate Week website www.climateweek.com, email info@climateweek.com or telephone on 020 3397 2601.

Regional news

Yorks & Humber

The Yorkshire Post described Barnsley Hospital as being in the “premier league” when the recent CRC tables were announced.

Barnsley came joint top of the table with Manchester United Football Club in the first-ever league table rating businesses’ and public bodies’ efforts in cutting carbon.

Three other NHS hospitals made it to the top including Colchester Hospital University NHS Foundation Trust, North West London Hospitals NHS Trust and The Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Kings Lynn.

[Read the Yorkshire Post article.](#)

JOBS

Estates Officer

North West London Hospitals NHS Trust is looking for an Estates Officer to work on sustainability.

The closing date for applications is 7th December.

Pay band 7 (£30-40K) [Further information here.](#)

Quote of the fortnight

“Never underestimate the power of a few committed people to change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead, American cultural anthropologist

Events

National Travel Conference

Where: Nottingham Conference Centre
When: 25th November 2011
Cost: £195 + VAT

The theme for the ACT TravelWise national conference is ‘The Challenges and Opportunities for Smarter Travel: LSTF or Bust?’

This one-day event will showcase opportunities for smarter choices created through the introduction of the Local Sustainable Transport Fund and other funding sources and highlight the challenges that lie ahead in delivering an ambitious programme of interventions.

Secondly, speakers and workshop facilitators will guide delegates through alternative opportunities for funding smarter choices projects, either through European avenues or from innovative solutions such as releasing income from land and property.

Procurement for Carbon Reduction

Where: Nottingham, Leicester and Northampton

When: 28th November and 1st February

Cost: Free for NHS Midlands and East

Funded by the NHS East Midlands Regional Innovation Fund, this series of half day events have been created following the recommendations within Phase 1 of the East Midlands NHS Carbon Reduction Project, to support finance, contracts and procurement NHS teams to embed sustainability within purchasing processes.

Procurement is responsible for 56% of the regional NHS carbon footprint and essentially high carbon means high exposure to rising energy and natural resource costs.

This session seeks to introduce the agenda of supply chain carbon management at trust level, providing guidance on the practical implementation of sustainable procurement mechanisms within the tendering process and beyond. Speakers will include David Wathey, Head of Sustainable Procurement at the Department of Health, the Nottingham Energy Partnership, as well as NHS suppliers including Boots, Framework suppliers such as NHS Supply Chain and local SMEs, explaining how they can contribute to carbon management and sustainability within the NHS.

For more information please email Jennifer.s@nottenergy.com or call 0115 985 9057.

Towards a Sustainable Local Acute Service

Where: RIBA London

When: 12th January 2012

Cost: £195 +VAT

This day-seminar will bring together progressive thinkers from the NHS, private sector, local authorities, and others with an interest in where our health services are going and how intelligent investment could be structured to give long term sustainability flexibility and value.

This event is for those who seek more imagination and ambition in their plans for the future of local acute care and who can see them being much more integrated with civic life.

There will be four presentations from the perspectives of healthcare, sustainability, the built environment and finance. Radicalism meets realpolitik.

To register please email rachael@durrow.org.uk

Route Map meeting and workshop

Where: PricewaterhouseCoopers, 1 Embankment Place, London

When: 19th January 2012, 10am – 4pm

Cost: Free

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GovToday's Sustainable Development Conference

Where: London, Brewery Conference Centre

When: 14th February 2012

Cost: Free for public sector if quote NHS SD12

Govtoday is pleased to announce its Third Annual Sustainable Development Conference and Exhibition, "Delivering the Sustainable Healthcare System".

It will be held at the Brewery Conference Centre on 14th February 2012.

NHS Sustainable Development 2012: Delivering the Sustainable Healthcare System will take stock of the NHS Sustainable Development Strategy, progress to date in the achievement of Carbon Reduction, whilst also identifying areas for concern, discussing the solutions sought and the challenges ahead in the creation of the Sustainable Healthcare System.

Fully funded delegate tickets available for all public sector employees quoting NHS SD12 when e-mailing ron.pusey@govtoday.co.uk or calling 0161 238 8881.

Sustainability Leadership Programme

Where: CPSL, Cambridge
When: 20th - 21st March 2012

The core element of this programme will be an intensive two-day workshop, with cohorts of 30 senior participants from the health care sector.

Learning will be enhanced through provision of pre-reading materials.

The programme will help participants develop strategic responses to the challenges for the Health Care Sector, based on the best available evidence and the different policy contexts in which participants work.

Patient care and health outcomes are the starting points in this programme, which recognises that the challenges and solutions to health and wellbeing in the 21st century are inextricably linked to our social, physical and economic environment.

[Read the CPSL NHS Concept Note here.](#)

For further information please contact beverley.anderson@cpsl.cam.ac.uk

Contact

If the SDU can help you further then please [email us](#) or call 01223 597614. NHS SDU bulletins can be found on our [website](#).