

Airedale NHS Foundation Trust Environmental Commitment

As an NHS organisation which spends public funds, all parts of Airedale NHS Foundation Trust (including its subsidiaries and joint ventures) (collectively known as ANHSFT) have an obligation to work in a way that has a positive effect on the communities they serve. Sustainability means spending public money effectively, the smart and efficient use of natural resources and building healthy, resilient and inclusive communities. By making the most of its social, environmental and economic assets, ANHSFT can improve the health and health care delivery for the population it serves despite being faced with rising prices of natural resources in the long term.

Demonstrating that ANHSFT considers the social and environmental impacts in its activity enables legal requirements in the Public Services (Social Values) Act (2012) to be met. ANHSFT has a Sustainable Development Management Plan (SDMP) which clearly states our goals to reduce our carbon footprint. ANHSFT's commitment to reduce our environmental impact means being mindful of improvements in our environmental performance should always be a factor in all our day to day activity. We therefore seek to promote an approach to sustainability and environmental awareness at all levels of decision-making within ANHSFT and communicate with our local population about that approach given its importance to their overall health and wellbeing. ANHSFT also encourages suppliers and business partners to have a similar approach.

ANHSFT's key commitments to the environment and sustainability are achieved through:

Our activities

- Provide all ANHSFT activities mindful of achieving positive environmental outcomes and promoting sustainability in line with the goals set out in ANHSFT's SDMP
- Raise awareness of environmental matters with key stakeholders, notably colleagues, as well as suppliers and business partners, in securing the resources required to deliver our activities
- Ensure that we are fully inclusive as both an employer and a provider of health services, so that we reflect and sustain the communities that we serve, supporting their health and wellbeing and addressing health inequalities.

Our wider influence

- Promote, as part of overall health and wellbeing benefits, the adoption of energy-efficient and environmentally positive buildings and lifestyles
- Demonstrate to other health care providers the benefits achieved from our approach of being mindful of environmental matters and promoting sustainability
- Contribute to the environmental, economic and social sustainability of the communities we serve

Our organisational approach (including colleagues, premises and equipment)

- Comply with or exceed the requirements of relevant environmental legislation and codes of practice, notably the Public Services (Social Values) Act (2012), and develop strategies to achieve that
- Provide insight for all colleagues (from new starters as well as the Board and Governors) of ANHSFT's environmental and sustainability approach. Embed awareness to encourage colleagues to make improvements to reduce wherever practical the environmental impacts within their activity

- Actively promote inclusion, to ensure our workforce reflects and sustains the communities we serve.
- Seek to manage waste effectively, including reuse or recycle where possible
- Manage energy and water usage to achieve efficient use of resources in all day-to-day activity in order to reduce wherever practical our consumption of natural resources, particularly where they are non-renewable sources
- Minimise travel requirements wherever practical and support the use of appropriate means of transport for colleagues and patients alike
- Pursue procurement policies that reflect a proportionate assessment of their damage to the environment, including purchasing locally where practical and cost effective to do so
- Assess the environmental impact of any new or material changes in activities we intend to implement

Our continuous improvement and monitoring ethos

- Facilitating awareness amongst colleagues and monitoring of ANHSFT's environmental and sustainability approach is supported by activity of the EcoawAire group and its terms of reference
- Commit to periodic external scrutiny of our progress made in delivering our SDMP commitments, including continuous review and improvement of our approach for the delivery of those
- Ensure that our environmental commitment along with improvements made and any changes to future goals are communicated effectively internally, notably in an annual report to the ANHSFT Board and reflected in the SDMP respectively. In addition there should be appropriate communication externally, including a summary provided in our Annual Report and on our website

This Environmental Commitment of ANHSFT was last reviewed by the ANHSFT Board on 30 January 2019.



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For and on behalf of the Board