

OUR PLEDGE

To implement best practice for environmental management

Why does this matter?

NHS Property Services believe sustainable development forms a strong foundation on which a secure, more prosperous future for both humanity and the planet stems. As such, we are supporting the 'For a Greener NHS' campaign and helping our customers achieve their environmental ambitions, alongside our wider commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Around the globe, **climate change** is not only **altering the environment** we live in and affecting social, economic growth but it is also posing a real threat for our future.



As part of this, we want to reduce the negative environmental impact of our 3000 properties across key areas including waste, emissions to air, flood risk, transport, as well as ensuring we have the right processes in place for one-off events in order to protect the environment in which we work.



Where are we now?

In the last financial year, our focus has particularly been on the deployment of carbon, water, waste and transport strategies across the organisation.



Centralised process



Incorporating best practice

We recognise that we have more work to do to enable consistent best practice environmental management standards across all of our estate. Going forward, we aim to raise the environment profile by creating a centralised process that is not only structured but incorporates all the best practice adopted from across the board.

To this end, we recently hired an Environment and Compliance Manager to assist in driving this agenda as part of our 2020 environment strategy.

What are our goals?



Establish a centralised environment management system that is well structured, easily accessible and transparent to all.



Establish key performance indicators that are based on continual improvement to monitor our progress and spark innovation.

What's next?

We will be implementing a well-defined environmental management system based on the PLAN-DO-CHECK-ACT principle.

The management system will cover:



Process of identifying best practice within the industry and replicating it across the business to demonstrate continuous improvement.



Implementation of relevant processes and procedures including a well-defined NHSPS adaptation plan.



Key performance indicators set with a regular monitoring regime.



Leadership commitment, engagement and participation.



Provision of environmental training and awareness.



Creation of a positive environmental culture across the business.



Our pledge to implement best practice for environmental compliance. _____

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