

## South East London ICS Green Plan 2022-2025

Dear colleagues,

As part of our commitment to supporting the NHS goal of reaching net-zero, we have released our South East London ICS Green Plan 2022-2025. The plan serves as an overarching system-wide sustainability strategy that encompasses and aligns with the NHS Trusts' Green Plans and the ICS's Primary Care Green Plan.

South East London ICS recognises the critical need for sustainability, which is why we have aligned with NHS England's two net-zero targets to ensure a healthier planet for healthier people:

1. Reach net zero by 2040 for our NHS Carbon Footprint (the emissions we control directly)
2. Reach net zero for our NHS Carbon Footprint Plus (the emissions we influence) by 2045.

The [ICS Green Plan](#) sets out how we will work ambitiously towards that NHS-wide goal. The plan is divided into 11 areas of focus with the goal of reducing ICS greenhouse gas emissions while improving care quality and adding social value wherever possible.

Importantly, in addition to responding to the national requirements we are:

- a. Very keen to work in a genuine system way, **learning from and partnering with our Local Authorities** – many of whom have been working on some of these issues for some time. Many of the actions and case studies already recognise we cannot do this alone. In particular, following a pan ICS event at the beginning of March we jointly agreed to work on Air Quality. But additionally we wish to engage with Local Authorities on the whole plan and identify more areas of work we should be doing collaboratively.
- b. **Prioritising Primary Care** – with a dedicated plan and toolkits to ensure they are supported to make changes; acknowledging the importance of this group in achieving our goal, their unique position in supporting patients and residents to improve their sustainability, and also the challenges for this group in making change. The plan contains a number of actions and whilst commitment from all partners will be critical, the ICB will be engaging with General Practices and PCNs to design the most efficient and effective way to deliver these objectives.

I believe that these plans, if supported by the incredible people who work in South East London, have the potential to make a real difference. I would be grateful if you could share the information throughout your networks and promote it to staff whenever possible.

<https://www.ourhealthierse.l.nhs.uk/sustainability>

We will be launching the Green Plan today on social media and we would appreciate any support that partners can offer to share the plan on their channels using **#GreenerSEL**.

Please look out for our content on [@ourhealthierse.l](#) Twitter and [@our\\_healthier\\_sel](#) Instagram.

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