

## SHEFFIELD TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**OCTOBER 2011**

<b>Subject</b>	Sustainable Development Action Plan (Sustainable Development Programme)
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**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- To seek approval of the Sustainable Development Action Plan. This paper has been approved by the Trust Executive Group.
- By approving this document, the Trust is preparing to receive business cases relating to the objectives in appendix A.

**KEY POINTS**

- The measures outlined in this action plan will assist Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust towards becoming a good corporate citizen and by doing so; it will be using resources to make a significant contribution to the health and sustainability of the communities it serves.
- The Trust's baseline carbon footprint (2007/2008) is **79,000 tonnes** (excluding procurement). Figures for 2009/10 indicate that this has reduced to **76,000 tonnes** (4% reduction). This reduction has been mainly due to various energy efficiency measures and changes in waste management contracts.
- In 2010, 37% of our staff can be considered highly motivated and aware ('be green survey' results). 61% have relatively low awareness of the issues and opportunities (opportunity to inform) while only 2% are aware but unmotivated (hardest to reach group). The 2011 'be green survey' will allow assessment of improvements due to the 'be green' campaign.
- There is growing pressure from national and regional drivers for the Trust to become more sustainable, to reduce or mitigate our carbon footprint and to prepare to adapt to legal, financial, organisational, service and reputational risks.
- Work is required to assess a range of possibilities across all Trust Directorates to improve the processes at STH and implement as well as encourage more sustainable processes and practices.
- The 42 objectives in appendix A fall into 13 categories:
  - Learning from best practice
  - Creating a culture of sustainable development
  - Ensuring sustainability is embedded into systems and processes
  - Meeting the NHS CO2 reduction targets in energy and water
  - Discovering the CO2 footprint of our procured items
  - Ensuring efficient use of resources in our practices
  - Encouraging suppliers and business partners to innovate
  - Meeting the NHS CO2 reduction targets in waste

- Aiming to contribute to reductions in congestion and air pollution
  - Meeting the NHS CO2 reduction targets in travel
  - Helping employees, patients and the community to live a sustainable life
  - Aiming for an increase in employees' awareness and motivation
  - Maintaining and, where relevant, protecting natural vegetation on the campuses
- The Sustainable Development Action Plan is a 'living document' which will be subject to review and adaptation in response to new challenges.
  - All named responsible Directors have shaped and have approved their objectives.

Many objectives are aimed at gathering more information and creating individual business cases for approval/funding/implementation. This will ensure that all prospective projects are properly evaluated and progressed. Each individual business case will include the likely carbon savings, cost savings and other qualitative benefits where relevant.

## IMPLICATIONS<sup>2</sup>

<b>Achieve Clinical Excellence</b>	
<b>Be Patient Focused</b>	
<b>Engaged Staff</b>	

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Approval of the Sustainable Development Action Plan.

## APPROVAL PROCESS

Meeting	Presented	Approved	Date
TEG	KM/PB/KMc	Yes	24 <sup>th</sup> August 2011

<sup>1</sup> Status: A = Approval  
 A\* = Approval & Requiring Board Approval  
 D = Debate  
 N = Note

<sup>2</sup> Against the three pillars (aims) of the STH Corporate Strategy 2008-2012