

Appendix 2 - CCG Sustainability Action Plan

The CCG will undertake a number of actions to contribute to improving sustainable development. The areas below are where possible aligned to those included within the Sunderland City Council Low Carbon Framework.

Area:	Action:	Rationale:	Action Owner	Timescale:
Corporate Approach:	Consider Declaring a Climate Emergency and becoming carbon neutral.	<p>A public 'Climate Emergency' declaration sends a clear message that the CCG recognises and gives weight to the threat that climate breakdown poses to public health and the wider environment. Our ambition is also to work with other healthcare and public sector organisations in committing to fast tracking plans to achieve carbon neutrality, improving the health of our population in the process.</p> <p>This approach would be consistent with other public sector organisations for example Newcastle Foundation Trust, Sunderland City Council, and Newcastle City Council who have all recently made climate emergency declarations, and made pledges to become carbon neutral.</p>	Governing Body	January 2021
	CCG to consider signing up to the UK 100 Pledge	This is a commitment to shift to 100% clean energy by 2050.	Governing Body	January 2021

	Inclusion of Environmental Sustainability on the CCG Risk Register	By including this on the CCG risk register this will be regularly reviewed and monitored to ensure momentum is maintained. This will support the environment and also safeguard against reputational risk of inaction.	Associate Director of Finance	January 2021
	Including the area of Environmental Sustainability within the CCGs corporate objectives	This is to reinforce this issue of Environmental Sustainability within the CCGs objectives.	Governing Body Supported by Head of Corporate Affairs	October 2021
Policies and Operational Practices:	Review of business processes to ensure that environmental impacts are considered as part of the CCGs commissioning decisions. This would include (but not limited to): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Procurement decisions - Business Case Documentation - Governing Body and Executive Committee Paper Front Sheets e.g. Environmental Impact Assessment 	This will ensure that as the CCG makes commissioning decisions that the environmental impact is considered in decision making. This will also ensure that environmental sustainability and other elements of the UN Development Goals are embedded as business as usual.	Head of Corporate Affairs	October 2021

	Complete the NHS Sustainable Development Units Assessment Tool (SDAT)	This will provide the CCG with baseline information to measure progress against in future years.	Sustainability Group	March 2021
	Review CCG use of video conferencing and home working on an ongoing basis (following CCG post COVID response)	Use technology to adopt smarter ways of working to reduce travel.	Director of People Directorate	April 2021
	Create a Sustainability working group within the CCG	This will act as the group to embed agreed changes, and monitor progress against the plan.	Associate Director of Finance	November 2020
	Identify Climate Champions within the CCG	This will help embed changes across the organisation and help ensure that CCG teams and staff are engaged within the area of sustainability.	Sustainability Group	January 2021
An energy efficient built environment:	Review Pemberton House and Loftus House for potential energy efficiency ideas.	This is one of the largest direct impacts that the CCG has influence over.	Sustainability Group	October 2021
	Move to 100% renewable electricity at Pemberton House.	This is one of the largest direct impacts that the CCG has influence over.	Sustainability Group	April 2021
	Review the potential to reduce the number of photocopiers at Pemberton House.	As the CCG has adapted to different working arrangements in response to COVID there may be opportunities to reduce the number of photocopiers.	Sustainability Group	March 2021

	Include Sustainability within CCG Estates strategy in considering NHSPS Void space.	This may create opportunities to improve estates utilisation, which could reduce environmental footprint.	Associate Director of Finance	April 2021
	Review NHSPS Estates within Sunderland to potentially re purpose outside space i.e. gardens	This may create opportunities to create more social spaces, and also spaces that can more effectively store carbon through natural means.	Sustainability Group	October 2021
Renewable Energy Generation and Storage:	Explore the use of solar panels at Pemberton House.	This would help to eliminate the need to utilise electric from the national grid if viable.	Sustainability Group	March 2022
	Explore the use of energy storage at Pemberton House.	This would help to eliminate the need to utilise electric from the national grid if viable.	Sustainability Group	March 2022
Low Carbon Transport Modes:	Review number and quality of electric vehicle charging points.	This should help make it easier for staff to transfer to use of electric vehicles.	Sustainability Group	October 2021
	Review charges made to CCG staff for charging electric vehicles at work.	View to make it easier for staff to transfer to use of electric vehicles.	Sustainability Group	October 2021
	Consider and promote methods of reducing carbon generating travel.	This is an area where the CCG can both directly and indirectly influence.	Sustainability Group	December 2021

Consumption and Waste:	The CCG will work to reduce the amount of single use plastics used in line with the NHS Single-Use Plastics Reduction Campaign Pledge.	To fulfil the objectives of the NHS Single-Use Plastics Reduction Campaign Pledge. These are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No longer use single use plastic stirrers or straws - No longer use single use plastic cutlery or cups - Reduce or even stop the use of single use plastic food containers, including covers and lids 	Sustainability Group	October 2021
	The CCG will consider no longer routinely provide catering from unsustainable sources for meetings, training and events.	This is an area which has an impact on the environment, single use plastics, and in the past has created food waste.	Sustainability Group	April 2021
	Investigate ways to eliminate waste going to landfill.	This is an area which the CCG can directly influence	Sustainability Group	October 2021
Green Economy:	CCG to work with general practice to identify ways and encourage use of low carbon solutions.	The CCG has indirect influence in this area, and it is likely that there are opportunities.	CCG Primary Care Team	December 2022

	CCG to work with NHS Providers to identify ways and encourage use of low carbon solutions.	The CCG has indirect influence in this area, and it is likely that there are opportunities.	CCG Commissioning & Contracting Team	December 2022
	CCG to work with Non-NHS Providers to identify ways and encourage use of low carbon solutions.	The CCG has indirect influence in this area, and it is likely that there are opportunities.	CCG Commissioning & Contracting Team	December 2022
	CCG to review other areas of commissioning e.g. prescribing to look for low carbon opportunities	The CCG has more direct influence in this area, and it is likely that there are opportunities.	CCG Commissioning & Contracting Team	November 2021
Our Behaviour:	Review ways to encourage CCG staff to reduce energy use, and impact on environment.	The CCG has indirect influence with staff, and can share good practice.	Sustainability Group	October 2021
	Consider inclusion of environmental sustainability within the CCG staff values	The CCG has indirect influence with staff, and can share good practice.	Director of People and Primary Care	October 2021
	Review communications and how staff can be involved in City wide campaigns.	The CCG has indirect influence with staff, and can share good practice.	Sustainability Group	April 2021