

# NHS Sustainability Leads Network 2019-20

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Sustainability and sustainable development have been on our agenda in the NHS for many years. As one of the world's biggest employers we are capable of making a huge difference. Our values to protect health and wellbeing empower us to take the lead on making healthcare more sustainable and in influencing partner agencies.

## But how effective are we?

The NPAG NHS Sustainability Leads Network is a national group aimed at managers committed to making a difference. Established in 2012, we have grown significantly in membership and in influence. The group have agreed to run four meetings again in 2019-20 with the first taking place in London on the **12th December 19** followed by three further meetings also in central London. Members freely share policies, procedures and different approaches - all aimed at increasing knowledge, saving time and improving effectiveness.

## What are the current challenges?

The breadth of this subject can be overwhelming even for experienced professionals. How can we ensure we achieve senior management buy-in and staff and public engagement? Have you a Board-approved Sustainable Development Management Plan (SDMP)? How do we continue to address daily challenges while planning longer term approaches such as adaptation to Climate Change?

## Members have already identified some key themes for the next round:

- We have been delighted to work closely alongside the Sustainable Development Unit and NHS Improvement / NHS England in helping shape national policies and approaches. We will continue to support the SDU and NHSI as a focus group, providing feedback on the implementation of a range of tools and guidance notes and offering them an 'open door' to our quarterly meetings
- A strong focus on Climate Emergency planning - how can we take the lead?
- Examining new and innovative products by inviting selected suppliers to our meetings
- Engaging with Clinicians

*"Pleased I joined the NPAG Sustainability Leads Network, really positive group and always leave motivated after hearing all the innovation taking place. The network has also helped me develop my own role by giving an opportunity meet with strong leadership in the field of sustainability"* Group Member 2018-19

## Why join? Our Chair says:

*"The NPAG Sustainability Leads Group is extremely well positioned to support sustainability professionals working in the healthcare sector. Members have the opportunity to contribute to and drive the agendas, and discussion is lively and varied. Receiving regular updates and early sight of national opportunities and strategic initiatives leaves members feeling like the quarterly meetings are a worthwhile commitment and they leave with renewed energy and new ideas.*

*Collaboratively exploring new ideas and learning from members experience makes the network a must-join. New members are always welcome. If you're thinking about joining, then give it a try!"*

**Interested?** Please contact Victoria Combes for further details of complete the included registration form to secure your place: e: [victoria.combes@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk](mailto:victoria.combes@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk) tel: 01245 544600

