

# NHS Sustainability Leads Network 2022-23

Thursday 21st July 2022 - Virtual, via Microsoft Teams

The health and care system in England is responsible for an estimated 4% of the country's carbon footprint. The NHS has therefore committed to reaching *Net Zero* as soon as possible, requiring the support of all 1.3 million NHS employees. It is a huge challenge.

*"So pleased to be back in 2021! Thanks for your ongoing support and inspiration."*

Group Member 2019—20 who re-joined for 2021-22

## Why NPAG?

The NPAG NHS Sustainability Leads Network is a national group of managers from major NHS Trusts across the country. We are committed to making a difference.

We are celebrating our tenth anniversary having been established in 2012. Since then, we have grown significantly in membership and in influence, with ongoing contact with central bodies such as NHS England / NHS Improvement and The Greener NHS Team. The group have agreed to run four meetings again in 2022 / 23 with the first taking place via MS Teams on the **21st July 2022**, followed by two further virtual meetings, and, plans for a final face-to-face session in central London in early 2023. Members freely share policies, procedures and different approaches, as well as asking for advice on things they are struggling with - 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? How are you delivering your Green Plan? Are you fully engaged with your ICS leads? How do we continue to address daily challenges, whilst planning longer-term approaches such as adaptation to Climate Change and, of course, planning for a Net Zero NHS?

## We have already identified some key themes for the next round in addition to Net Zero NHS:

- Continue to work with The Greener NHS Team, and NHSE / NHSI more widely 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
- Place a strong focus on Climate Emergency planning - how can we take the lead?

## Why join? Our Chair says:

*"The NPAG Sustainability Leads Group is extremely well positioned to support sustainability professionals working in the healthcare sector. Members contribute to and drive the agenda, and discussion is lively and varied. Receiving regular updates and early sight of national opportunities and strategic direction leaves members feeling like the quarterly meetings are a worthwhile commitment and they leave with renewed energy, ideas, and the support of a group of peers in an often-challenging area, particularly important as we are now trying to deliver a Net Zero NHS. 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?** Meeting one will take place on **21st July** via **Microsoft Teams**, followed by three further meetings. Try Before You Places are available.

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