

## **Environmental Policy Statement**

The Suffolk GP Federation is committed to both the protection of the environment and evaluating the impact that the organisation's services can have.

Compliance with legislation is the minimum standard to which the organisation shall adhere. The organisation shall also endeavour to follow best practice with due regard for its business needs, in line with the Themes, Outcomes and Measure System (TOMS) requirements and the expectations of all interested parties.

The objectives for the organisation under this policy are to:

- Reduce the carbon footprint of the business.
- Reduce energy consumption.
- Minimise the production of all types of waste, especially paper. Encourage reuse, recycling and the disposal of other waste that cannot be avoided, in a responsible manner.

All senior members of the organisation will be responsible for communicating and implementing this Policy and will ensure that:

- Champion sustainability at the highest level and cascade right throughout the organisation.
- Develop and implement an action plan which targets activities that will contribute to the NHS Carbon Reduction strategy.
- Embed sustainable development into management and governance processes
- Review all building and refurbishment in compliance with relative legislation in respect of environmental sustainability
- Minimise the impact of travel within the activities of Suffolk GP federation;
- Using technology to reduce travel
- Promoting more sustainable transport
- Delivering services closer to communities
- Favour suppliers that are local where possible and are able to provide assurance regarding their own environmental and sustainable performance
- Drive down waste of all types across the organisation and ensuring that where this cannot be avoided mitigation is in place to reduce its impact.

- Use best practice to reduce electricity, gas and water use to a minimum by use of efficient equipment and optimising staff awareness on efficiency issues.
- The organisation is committed to continually improving its performance by regularly reviewing its environmental impacts, and on an annual basis, update this policy in line with the review findings.