



Public Health  
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A new programme to help dental practices in the UK reduce carbon and enhance sustainability.

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Climate Change is the biggest threat to human and planetary health<sup>1</sup>, an international emergency. This programme uses over a decade's experience and cutting edge social change theory to break down the barriers to change and enhance the sustainability of the dentistry profession.

**Green Impact** is a **sustainability accreditation scheme** with an audit and awards element designed specifically for dental practices. It's an international programme, **recognised by UNESCO** as a global laureate for education for sustainable development. However, this particular programme is designed specifically for dental practices and is piloting the tried-and-tested approach in this field. As such, we welcome any practice to participate and will be collecting experiences and feedback at all stages to evaluate impact and ensure the programme is fit-for-purpose.

Through Green Impact, dental practices can access **free support**, and can choose to work towards a bronze, silver or gold level accreditation, evidencing their commitment to being a **responsible healthcare business**.

An **online toolkit**, co-designed by multiple sustainability and dentistry experts, provides a step-by-step guide to easy improvements. Participants will gain access to a host of **resources and support** to help them **assess, verify and monitor** their impact and progress. Later in the year we'll be providing students an **excellent development opportunity**, training them to visit practices to review their work. We'll hold an **awards event to celebrate** the programme's achievements at the end of the year.

Any practice based in the UK can access the toolkit and use it to **create positive changes** to their sustainability.

We anticipate **multiple benefits** for practices including, increased environmental sustainability, cost savings, improved staff morale, and efficiency through the model – enabling practices to learn from others, CPD opportunities for staff.

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<sup>1</sup> The Lancet, see <https://bit.ly/2Ts9g0i>