

GREEN IMPACT IN DENTISTRY

February 2021

Welcome to our first monthly Green Impact in dentistry newsletter

The Journey so far!

Green Impact in Dentistry started in March 2019 as a pilot project lead by colleagues in the Eastern Region who make up our Dental Strategy Group. The aim was to provide practical advice to GPs in the region who wanted to be more sustainable but didn't know how.

Regional NHS Commissioners, Public Health England Dental Public Health consultants, and Health Education England are core partners working with SO-UK their delivery partner. Many other partners have been supportive of our ambitions to make a dentistry greener by reducing the carbon foot print the use of single use plastics.

As a Green Impact user you are now part of this wider community of 'Green Champions' and we are keen to hear about your journey to share the learning and identify what the barriers and issues are. We will your aggregate feedback and share that with our strategic dental partners and use it to develop Green Impact further.

Log into the Green Impact toolkit

Due to the impacts Covid-19 have had across the sector, we have extended the Green Impact submission and audits to May 2021.

You can log into the Green Impact toolkit and start uploading evidence ready for the submission date. We will then contact you to book in an audit for you to gain accreditation and an award.

<https://greenimpact.org.uk/dentists>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Toolkit submission: 5th May

Audits: 20th May

RESOURCES

[Green Impact in Dentistry FAQs](#)

[Green Impact resource bank](#)

Has templates and case studies to help you complete the actions in the toolkit.

How to Guides

The Centre for Sustainable Healthcare have sustainable dentistry How-to guides available to [download here](#).

New Green Impact in Dentistry website

We have created a website to showcase all the fantastic work dental practices across the country are doing. Please share the website to any colleagues who may be interested in joining Green Impact and are after more information.

<http://greenimpact.nus.org.uk/Green-Impact-In-Dentistry>

Book in for a Green Impact support call

We have been scheduling in 30-minute calls with Green Impact dental practices throughout January and February. These calls are for us to hear feedback, your thoughts on sustainability in dentistry, give support and guidance on Green Impact.

So far we've had feedback on the lack of guidance on reusable PPE as well as lack of suppliers listed on the NHS PPE procurement site.

If you would like to receive a phone call, please email us at gidentistry@sos-uk.org and we will schedule in a convenient time with you.

Sharing best practice across the sector



There are 53 dental teams currently taking part in Green Impact. We have created an interactive map to show the location of these practices.

We would like to publish a version of this map on our website which identifies the participating practices. **If you are happy for us to identify your practice please email gidentistry@sos-uk.org**

In addition, we would like to make it easier for all of our green impact users to connect to each other directly. Therefore, we are looking to add contact details to a second version of the map. This version will only be accessible to other green impact users (your contact details will not be available to the wider public) **If you are happy for us to identify your practice please email gidentistry@sos-uk.org**

Microsoft teams group

To support collaboration further we are looking into setting up a MS teams group just for those taking part in Green Impact as an easy way for us to keep in touch and for you all to connect, ask questions and share good practice. **To join the group, please email gidentistry@sos-uk.org.**

Single use plastics in Dentistry



Dr Stephen Mulligan, NHS Dentist at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals, speaks about the importance of cutting down on the amount of single-use plastic used during appointments. Sheffield Teaching Hospitals are one of our Green Impact teams and are currently undertaking ground breaking research into single use plastics.

Watch the 2-minute video here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-south-yorkshire-49528007>

The Centre for Sustainable Healthcare 2021 courses available;

- Introduction to sustainable healthcare
- Green Space and Health
- Carbon Footprinting in healthcare
- Sustainable Quality Improvement
- Public Health Leadership



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