

## Green Impact for Health Newsletter

### GIH Specific Updates



The [new web platform](#) launched in February. The [old web platform](#) has been closed for new entries but is still accessible. More detailed information is in [last month's newsletter](#).

Please report any problems with the new web platform to the [SOS project manager](#). Any questions about the content please email [Terry Kemple](#).

The new web platform is continuing to be improved and your feedback always helps.

**Thank you** to all those who have already registered on the new toolkit platform! For those that haven't, we want you to switch to the new website. This is how you can do it; There are new instructions about how to use the new toolkit in this [short video](#) which is also on the new website. You can register on the [new web platform](#) with just an email verification. There is no security registration code.

#### IF YOU WERE PREVIOUSLY ON THE OLD TOOLKIT SYSTEM:

- Your previous existing entries and progress cannot be transferred automatically to the new website. You still have access to your past entries and progress on the [old web platform system](#). You can move your work to the [new website](#) by downloading all your information from the toolkit as a spreadsheet. There are instructions how to download the spreadsheet within the 5-minute video on the homepage of the [old toolkit](#).

- You can copy and paste all your information into the new toolkit under each relevant criteria. Do not forget to click the 'Done' box for each of the criteria in the new toolkit. This is the preferred option. If it is not possible to do this, then you may instead upload the spreadsheet as a reference in the QIP002 criteria, and paste the following text into the completed criteria on the new toolkit 'This criterion was completed in our 2022 toolkit and is detailed in the spreadsheet attached to QIP002'

## Opportunities, upcoming events and Publications

### Decarbonisation of heating

The government is offering grants to help with the costs of green heating installations. The scheme is aimed at domestic and smaller non-domestic properties in England and Wales that have a maximum installation of 45kWh. **For more information and detailed eligibility criteria visit [gov.uk](http://gov.uk) and [ofgem.gov.uk](http://ofgem.gov.uk)**

### Carbon Footprint and Cost Model tool for inhalers

GSK has launched a Carbon Footprint and Cost Model tool that shows the carbon footprint and costs over 12 months of your prescribing at the Health Board, ICS, PCN or practice level and how much you could reduce your carbon footprint and costs by switching to alternatives. Using this tool satisfies many inhaler prescribing criteria in the GIFH toolkit (PRS001 and PRS003), supports asking your Health Board or ICS to switch to less polluting inhalers (PRS005), and can provide evidence of your changed prescribing (PRS009, PRS010 and PRS011).

Any UK practice can get its information by contacting their [regional GSK manager](#)



## Events

**15th February 2023 : Education for Sustainable Healthcare.** This UKHACC [session was recorded](#). It covers the challenges and opportunities for sustainable healthcare becomes standard in medical education.

**8th March 2023 :** Developing Trusted Voices for Planetary Health: Findings from a Clinicians for Planetary Health (C4PH) Workshop. This [paper](#) publishes the latest findings of clinicians' attitudes towards climate change, connections with the related fields of lifestyle medicine and integrative health. It ends with a few suggestions for

healthcare providers to begin implementing planetary health into their professional practice.

**15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 : 12.00-13.30: Levelling up for better health, biodiversity and climate actions** This [event](#) focusing on the co-benefits for health, biodiversity and climate that could be achieved through the delivery of actions on housing, transport and green space.

**20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 : 19:00-20:00 How to teach a VTS about green practice webinar.** This is organised by the Greener Practice Trainee Forum but all are welcome. Join the [teams meeting here](#).

**20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 : 19:30 - 20:30. HXR Winter Talks - Sustainable Healthcare**, presented by Dr Hayley Pinto from the Centre for Sustainable Healthcare and HXR) Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84674183106> Passcode: 034747

**29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 deadline :** to apply for the [Chief Sustainability Officer's Clinical Fellowship Scheme](#)

**11<sup>th</sup> April 2023 12pm deadline :** for the [Call for Evidence](#) re **The Net Zero Mental Health Care is now live**. Primary Care, mental health services, trusts and boards are invited to submit evidence – which could include case studies, quality improvement projects or findings from academic research – that demonstrates the implementation of measures to deliver greener, more sustainable or net zero mental health care.

**31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 deadline :** Asad Muhammad Asaduzzaman is a guest editor for a Special Issue on "Planetary Health and Public Health" in the journal HEALTHCARE (IF-3.160, PubMed indexed)- [https://www.mdpi.com/journal/healthcare/special\\_issues/X5DMLBY87V](https://www.mdpi.com/journal/healthcare/special_issues/X5DMLBY87V)

## **Funding the Green Impact Scheme for 2023.**

RCGP has agreed to fund the toolkit at SOS-UK until December 2025. We still need additional funds.

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