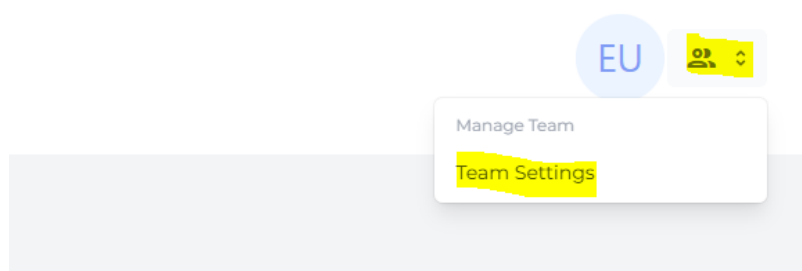


Green Impact for Health April newsletter

Green Impact for Health toolkit reminder

If you still haven't registered your practice team on our new toolkit system, [you can do so by clicking here](#). Thank you to all those that are already registered and working towards their next award.

If you have already registered on the new toolkit, please take 30 seconds to check your 'team name' follows the required format and that all your profile information is up-to-date. You can do this under 'team settings' in the top right once [logged in](#). Please follow the format of your practice name followed by your town or city e.g. **Example Practice, Besttown**. This is important to avoid confusion with similarly named practices.



If you have any questions about the new toolkit or your award please [view our FAQ page](#) or email giforhealth@sos-uk.org. The deadline for 2023 submissions is 30th September 2023.

GIFH updates

Waste and recycling - UK's first medicine packet recycling programme

Superdrug has [collection boxes](#) in every **Superdrug Pharmacy**, so patients can recycle their empty medicine blister packets.

Prescribing - Asthma & Lung UK have [videos](#) for patients to improve their inhaler techniques

Opportunities/events/publications to know about.

The RCGP net zero consultancy service matches a practice with a trained adviser who will work closely with the team to develop a decarbonisation plan. The plan includes a baseline assessment of the practice's current carbon use and emissions; agreed reduction targets, and a prioritised list of actions the practice can take as they work towards reducing their impact on the environment. For more details and prices click [here](#).

Free eLearning resources. Explore the [#RCGPNetZero](#) hub to develop your carbon literacy and learn practical tips. There is a series of 30-minute eLearning modules and a decarbonisation guide with practical solutions. The [hub](#) is free to access for any healthcare professional with an online RCGP account. A free account can be created at www.rcgp.org.uk/my-rcgp/basic-registration > scroll down to the 'Non-membership access' section. RCGP members should use their existing login details.

5th May 9am-12.30pm for next Carbon Literacy for Healthcare workshop. To sign up, visit <https://seesustainability.co.uk/health-carbon-literacy>. Carbon Literacy is an awareness of the carbon costs and impacts of everyday activities and the ability and motivation to reduce emissions, on an individual, community and organisational basis.

22nd May 2023 The Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) which regulates 13 of the 14 allied health professional groups, has opened a formal consultation on [Reviewing the standards of conduct, performance and ethics | \(hcpc-uk.org\)](#). Adding sustainability in health and care has been proposed and will be discussed as part of the consultation process. HCPC is running a workshop on sustainability, and we encourage any members involved in these professions to join the workshop and support the addition of this theme in the revised standards. Further information about the workshop on sustainability, including registration is available [here](#).

6th June 2023: The Centre for Sustainable Healthcare runs regular [carbon literacy courses](#) for health professionals and quality improvement leads. It offers an understanding of what a carbon footprint is, how it can be used in the health sector's endeavour to go net zero and how it is measured.

14th July 2023 The Net Zero Clinical Care Conference is 14 July 2023 at BMA House, London | Free

You can register [here](#) for the conference jointly organised by BMJ and the UK Health Alliance on Clinical Care. The conference will provide insights for health and care professionals on how they can help the NHS achieve its net zero target by 2040 whilst also improving the quality of patient care. The conference will enable action, build awareness and create a community.

WHICH review [‘How much does your appliance cost to run’](#)

Plastics and the Environment. The Minderoo-Monaco Commission on Plastics and Human Health has produced an extensive analysis of the plastics' negative impacts on: i) human health and well-being focusing on vulnerable populations, ii) on the global environment focusing on ocean health, and iii) the economy. The [report](#) includes highly valuable sustainable solutions that can be implemented by governments and industries to minimize the negative consequences of global plastic contamination.

There is a new Green Impact toolkit for dentists. Please share the toolkit with dental teams in your network: there is a [two-page info sheet here](#).

Health impact assessment: estimating the health impacts of an ICS Green Plan. For anyone interested in green plans this Jan 2023 [report](#) aims to link carbon reduction commitments with local health outcomes. This is a challenging process due to uncertainty and limited data but, by

improving ICS Green Plan governance and data collection now, this connection - and the ability to demonstrate impact - will become clearer in future.

