



# GREEN IMPACT FOR HEALTH NEWSLETTER

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Since the reset of the toolkit to a [new web platform](#) in February 2023, there are now **1065 organisations with 2500 individual users of the toolkit.**

Don't forget to click '**retract submission**' on the 'toolkits' page after [logging in](#) if you submitted for a 2023 award, to enable you to continue working on your toolkit for a Green Impact 2024 award.

We want to continually **improve** the programme so your feedback and suggestions for improvement about any aspect of the toolkit are welcome. Please send any feedback to [greenimpactforhealth@gmail.com](mailto:greenimpactforhealth@gmail.com).

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## Toolkit Update

**IMPORTANT** - Please note, we require all practice teams to clearly state their practice name and town in their team name on [the toolkit](#) (e.g. Central Practice, Cambridge). If your team name currently does not include the town name also, we require you to **update your team name** in order to continue using [the toolkit](#). You can do this easily under 'Team settings' once you've logged in.

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## Toolkit Spotlight

Tips for Trainers and trainees

You can use the toolkit for a trainee SUSQI project, or leadership project – just addressing the part of the toolkit most useful to the trainee and the practice. Other useful resources are [Greener Practice website](#) and [Bradford VTS website](#)

Save your practice money – use the toolkit to check your energy consumption and costs. The utility costs in a practice are often not scrutinised. General Practices in Cornwall reviewed their utility bills and on average saved £2,500 each per annum. That's recurring savings. If every practice in the UK saved only £1,000 each on average that's about £10m each year, every year.

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## Sustainable Healthcare and Resources



- Find the Carbon Footprint of any drug? The [Medicine Carbon Footprint \(MCF\) Formulary](#), developed by [YewMaker](#), is a free tool designed for healthcare professionals. It will give you the per dose carbon footprints of thousands of medicines, categorised into one of four MCF Ratings - LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH, and VERY HIGH. MCF Formulary is part of the developing broader MCF Classifier suite of applications to measure, classify, benchmark, and visualise carbon emissions of medicines.

- An informal list of 800 useful [resources](#) to help support #GreenerNHS #NetZeroNHS (use search icon to find tags / content). No official endorsement is given by being on this list. Reader to conduct own due diligence.

- RCGP success in the [Climate and Health Scorecard 2022/23](#). The scorecard breaks down climate action into manageable steps for organisations like Royal Colleges to achieve. Last year the RCGP came second in the scorecard league, this year it is joint first.

**Greener Practice and SOS-UK both had success in getting funding in the recent SBRI 24 competition.**

There were 3 successes for primary care in the competition 'Delivering a net zero NHS for a Healthier Future'.

1. [Greener Practice's](#) Off the Shelf Net Zero Platform for Primary Care will 'engage and equip busy health professionals in General Practice to implement carbon reductions in clinical activity through "off-the-shelf" quality improvement (QI) projects'.
  2. [SOS's](#) 'Net Zero Dentistry from the inside out: Engaging the dental sector with the Green Impact Dentistry toolkit' will also improve the GP toolkit by building 'functionality so regional bodies can understand engagement across dental and general practice in their region. This will allow better programme rollout to their providers and identify gaps'.
  3. [RedmoorHealth's project](#): Primary Care Route to Net Zero purpose is 'to harness the mass of validated information and interventions, filter, and apply sector specific 'how to' hand holding steps to remove the blockers which prevent uptake and adoption. It can also act as a dashboard for commissioning authorities to be able to view a sustainability maturity map of their providers in one place'.
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## Better Waste Disposal



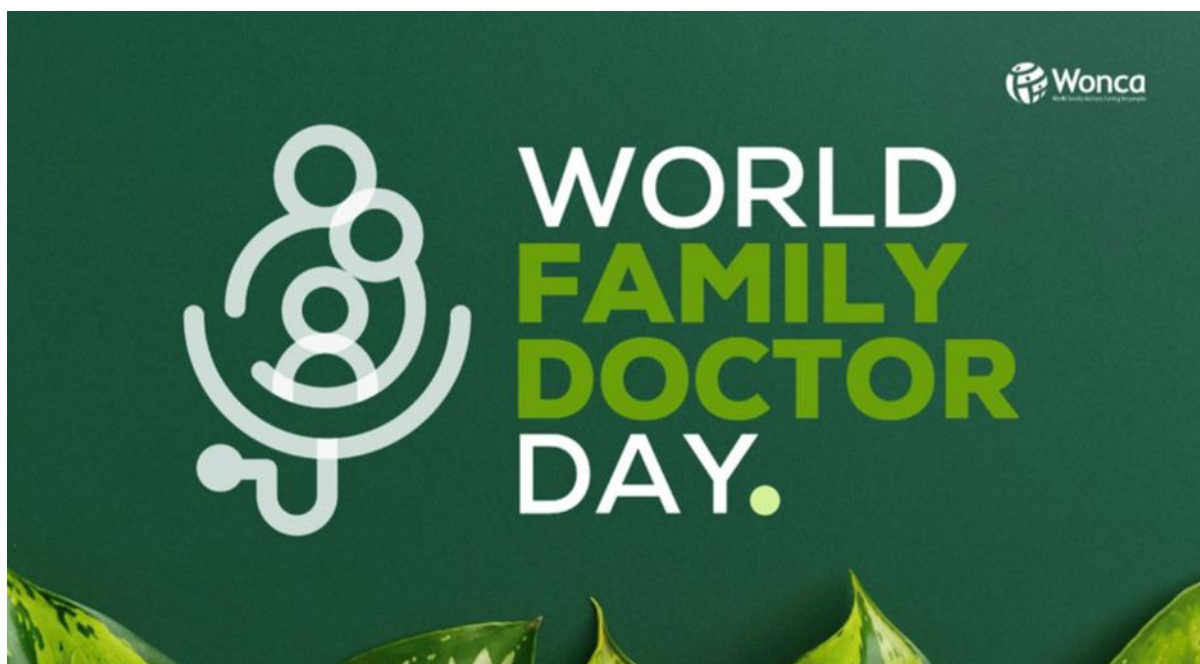
Although there are lots of areas that have a higher impact on our carbon footprint, appropriate and legal segregation of waste is an easy win, and everyone can contribute. The graph in this [paper](#) shows the carbon footprints of recycling (left side), low temp incineration (domestic waste and tiger bags) and high temperature incineration for clinical waste.

- Wales NHS has lots of [resources](#) for Greener Primary care
- Check out the [new NHSE/Greener Practice Visual Aid for optimising asthma reviews](#).
- RCGP Scotland has developed a Climate and Sustainability Action Plan 2023-2026, as an update to the work in this area to date. This Action Plan has about 40 ambitious actions to be carried out.

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## Key dates and Events

- o [World Family Doctor Day](#) (WFDD): 19th May 2024



## WORLD FAMILY DOCTOR DAY 2024: HEALTHY PLANET, HEALTHY PEOPLE.

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WONCA is getting ready to celebrate the **World Family Doctor Day (WFDD)** on **19th of May 2024** under the theme of **'Healthy Planet- Healthy People'**.

This theme falls in line with WONCA President's vision for the next two years, WONCA to be seen as a "Green leader" by our Member Organisations and other small international not-for-profit organisations – leading by example in green initiatives.

o [The WONCA Europe Conference](#): 25-28th September 2024

The 29th [WONCA Europe Conference](#) is at the Dublin Convention centre. The conference topics include Greener Healthcare and Sustainability as well as all the other important topics for family medicine/general practice. If you want to present a session the **call for Abstracts closes on 30th March 2024**.

o **Green Impact for Health conference** : 3rd July 2024

We will be holding another Green Impact for Health conference at Frome in July. Richard Vautrey; the President of RCGP, will be opening the conference.

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*Timetable*

9.30 - Sign in and exhibitor stands

10 – 12.30 Presentations (with tea break)

12.30 - 13.45 Walk and lunch

13.45 - 16.00 – Presentations and Panel discussion (with tea break and workshop)

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### *Outline of the day*

Following on from our successful Green Impact 2019 event, This event invites colleagues to come together to share insights, learnings, and strategies for accelerating progress by collaborating across institutions.

We'll delve into discussions on the tangible benefits of carbon-saving initiatives and their positive impact on health outcomes. Whether through national movements or grassroots community efforts, we'll showcase how every action, big or small, within Primary Care can contribute to effective, sustainable change.

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## Publications to know about

### o **Health creation**

This involves creating a place where it easier to be healthy than sick. The [Hewitt review](#) of Integrated care systems in 2023 suggested that the share of total NHS budgets at ICS level going towards prevention should be increased by at least 1% over the next 5 years. Some examples from Cornwall include resources to develop [Sustainable Food](#), and [improving the experience of GP premises](#)

The [National Lottery Community Fund](#) gives grants (£300-£20,000) to fund these types of activities. They will fund projects that'll do at least one of these things:

- bring people together to build strong relationships in and across communities;
- improve the places and spaces that matter to communities;
- help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage;
- support people, communities and organisations facing more demands and challenges because of the cost-of-living crisis.

## o UK General Election 2025

The UK health Alliance on Climate Change (UKHACC) has been published its [manifesto](#) of 5 priorities for the next Government. A slide deck outlining the strategy is available [here](#).

## o UKHACC

The UKHACC has produced a [template letter](#) to support health professionals arrested, charged and convicted for protesting against the severe harm being done to nature, the climate, and health and the inadequacy of the political response. While UKHACC does not agree with breaking the law, it does understand why health professionals might do so and has produced this letter for individuals in these circumstances to write to their employer.

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## Opportunities to know about

The [Centre for Sustainable Health Care](#) can provide your practice bespoke carbon foot printing and triple bottom line analysis (fees apply)

- Carbon footprint or triple bottom line analysis of services/pathways
- Carbon footprint analysis of products
- Bespoke Carbon literacy workshops
- Reviewing and developing [Green Plans](#)

Carbon Literacy Project and eLearning for healthcare have developed a [training pathway](#) for all NHS staff that covers climate science, impacts and policy, before focusing on climate change and health and effective climate communication. Once you have completed the [eLearning](#), you can book a place on a [free workshop](#).

Kind Regards,

**The Green Impact for Health Team**

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## Funding Green Impact

The RCGP has agreed to fund the toolkit at SOS-UK until December 2025. We still need additional funds to provide additional improvements and support. Please donate to SOS-UK via our [charity PayPal account](#). Choose the Green Impact option. It will take you less than a minute to make your donation! A big thank you to everyone who has contributed so far.

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