



## GREEN IMPACT FOR HEALTH NEWSLETTER JULY 2024



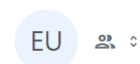
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Since the launch of the **new toolkit web platform**, there are now 1230 organisations with over 2877 individual users of the toolkit.

### Toolkit

**Reminder - The submission deadline for the toolkit is 30th September 2024.**

To submit, log into the toolkit, click toolkit on the left hand column, then click the black 'Submit toolkit' button on the top right.



**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.

**Reminder - Our annual review of the contents of the toolkit is underway.** If you want to help update the toolkit (or just make suggestions for improvement) over the summer by checking some (about 5 per reviewer) of the criteria for errors or timely updates, please volunteer by email [here](#). It's a simple task that you can do over the summer. The deadline for completing your review is the end of August. You can earn up to 5 extra points for your practice by helping.

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).

## Key dates and Events

### o **Greener Practice Tayside and Fife - 10th August**

Greener Practice Tayside and Fife (a network of over 70 healthcare professionals) are collaborating with Ride for Their Lives and local community groups to cycle from Invergowrie to Monifieth to champion the benefits of environmental action for our children's health. Find out more [here](#).

### o **Green Impact for Health Conference. 'Moving towards a well-being economy'**

Frome Medical Practice are hosting our 2nd RCGP Green Impact for Health Conference. Frome will be serving a delicious, locally sourced vegan lunch. Hope you can join us. See the agenda and register [here](#). RCGP members can use the promo code: *greenhealth*

## Publications to know about

### o **Moving towards a well-being economy**

**The 2nd Green Impact for Health Conference. 'Moving towards a well-being economy' on 3<sup>rd</sup> July at Frome Medical Practice** was a successful day highlighting the many initiatives that collaborations make possible in the communities served by general practices. More information about the learning points from the conference will be published later. Click [here](#) to see what Frome is currently doing.

### o **Summary of Primary Care Net Zero and Climate Emergency Work by Integrated Care Boards in England**

Last year Greener Practice produced a summary of ICB support/plans for general practices. This is being updated. If you have anything to do with an ICB please add your ICB information [here](#) or encourage someone to do so. Greener Practice are also looking for case studies. Last year Gloucestershire and Cornwall featured. These ICBs continue to lead and inspire but are there any other examples?

### o **The one-stop-shop of sustainable suppliers into the NHS**

This helpful [directory](#) has been created after working with sustainable suppliers for over five years. This list helps finding sustainable alternatives to the products, solutions and services that keep our healthcare system going!

### o **Other newsletters you might like to get**

#### **Greener Practice [Sign up for their newsletter](#)**

**UKHACC** - Greener Practice is a member of the UK Health Alliance on Climate Change, the main organisation in the UK representing healthcare workers. [Sign up for newsletter](#).

**CSH** -The Centre for Sustainable Healthcare. [Sign up for their newsletter](#).

[Greener NHS - For wider NHSE net zero effort updates](#) -[Sign up here](#)

**Cornwall's Primary Care Resilience Program** - gets a special mention for its amazing '[Green Rocket Fuel](#)' briefings.



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## **Opportunities to know about**

### **o Write to your new MP**

The UK Health Alliance on Climate Change has **five priorities** for the new government to sustain our health, health and care services, and the environment. The new parliament will be full of new MPs. This is an opportunity to make them aware of these priorities and the support that is needed in general practice. You can write to them via their new **Westminster email address**.

### **o Become a Climate & Health Equity Advocate: Action Skills Training**

This **Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health** free 6-part training series will help you do so. *This series will build upon the sessions from their 2023 series. If you missed them last year, you can watch the recordings before participating in these workshops. All 2023 session recordings can be found [here](#).*

### **o Have you switched to Tiger Bags in your Waste Management?**

The roll out of that tiger bags has reached most of England now! See newsletter Nov 2022. This confusing and often undermanaged area of general practice is going through a process of improvement to improve its management and reduces costs. NHS England appointed a waste management agent [www.arentawaste.com](http://www.arentawaste.com) for most of England (subject to local ICB agreements). The biggest change will be that most of GP waste currently put in the Infectious waste (orange bags) will instead be out into the Offensive wastes (Tiger bags). The same vehicle will collect both Orange and Tiger bags.

GPs have separate contracts that they pay themselves for their commercial waste and recycling so it is worthwhile looking at your current arrangements and seeing if you can manage them better.

### **Sustainability News**

- [Climate change made UK's waterlogged winter worse](#), BBC News
- [Hurricane Beryl: Caribbean leader calls out rich countries for climate failures as 'horrendous' storm makes landfall](#), Guardian
- [A rapid shift in ocean currents could imperil the world's largest ice shelf](#), Science News
- [Huge jellyfish invasion could disrupt Arctic ecosystems as waters warm](#), New Scientist
- [Is climate change making turbulence worse?](#), BBC News
- [Recycling carbon dioxide into household chemicals](#), Science Daily

Kind Regards,

**The Green Impact for Health Team**