

# May 2024 Green Impact for Health Newsletter

## GIFH specific updates

Since the reset of the toolkit on its new web platform in February 2023 there are now 1136 organisations with >2500 individual users of the toolkit.

**Our annual review of the contents of the toolkit.** If you want to help update the toolkit over the summer by checking some (about 5 per reviewer) of the criteria for errors or timely updates, please volunteer by email [here](#). You can earn up to 5 extra points for your practice by helping.

**IMPROVING THE TOOLKIT.** Your feedback and suggestions for improvement about any aspect of the toolkit are always welcome. Please send them to [greenimpactforhealth@gmail.com](mailto:greenimpactforhealth@gmail.com)

## Opportunities/events/publications to know about.

**Government Workplace Charging Scheme.** This grant provides support towards the costs of the purchase, installation and infrastructure of electric vehicle chargepoints at eligible places of work. Click [here](#) for more information

**The Planetary Health Report Card** is a metric-based tool for evaluating and improving planetary health content in medical schools. At each participating institution, student-led, faculty-mentored teams fill out the report card, identifying opportunities for improvement and reaching out to relevant staff and faculty along the way. Results are published in an annual Earth Day report, which since 2019 helps track institutional change over time. Find out how your school did [here](#).

**The 'Show me your meds' approach** reduces unnecessary repeat prescribing in general practice. This is a 25 min [YouTube presentation](#) describing the project.

## MOOC on Environmental Sustainability in Healthcare

The UKHACC has endorsed a Future Learn MOOC (massive open online course) on environmental sustainability in healthcare. Further information about the course can be accessed [here](#).

## Response to GMC decision on Dr Sarah Benn

In April, the Medical Practitioners Tribunal suspended the licence to practise of Dr Sarah Benn as a consequence of her being charged with contempt of court for participating in peaceful protests within a prohibited zone at Kingsbury oil terminal. UKHACC published a detailed [statement in response](#) to the decision calling on the GMC to recognise the predicament of doctors protesting on climate and nature action out of concern for patient safety and to seek all possible ways to avoid removing the livelihood of doctors driven to illegal action under these circumstances.

The Alliance for Transformative Action on Climate and Health (ATACH) is committed to elevating awareness of the threat to human health posed by climate change and

supporting countries in developing climate-resilient and low-carbon sustainable health systems.

ATACH has launched a newsletter to highlight the work being done by the alliance and its members, and through this, inspire even more action. ATACH has grown to include 82 countries and areas and over 40 non-state partner organizations committed to taking action to build climate-resilient and low-carbon sustainable systems. It is the global platform that brings together governments and key stakeholders to drive this agenda forward at pace and scale; and to promote the integration of the climate change and health nexus into respective national, regional, and global plans.

ATACH has launched a case study library of “First Wins”, offering practical insights for health systems to initiate climate-resilience and low-carbon sustainability efforts. Drawing from successful experiences of ATACH members and partners, the library aims to showcase implementation guidance on interventions that: are already taken by health systems globally, help decarbonize and/or build resilience and help achieve co-benefits in terms of health, quality of care, cost-savings, and more. The ATACH Secretariat invites submissions of interventions from countries and partners to this dynamic library. Access the “First Wins” library [here](#).

For expressions of interest to contribute a case study, please write to the [ATACH](#) including the country, institution name, and a brief description of the intervention.

**Health Innovation West of England** (formerly West of England Academic Health Science Network) has launched its **Evidence into Practice call**.

What are they looking for?: Local innovations that have been implemented (with early results of benefits), that have the potential to be adopted and spread across the West of England (BSW, BNSSG and Gloucestershire).

Funding and support available: Successful projects will receive some financial support (e.g. payment to enable colleagues to work on embedding and sharing projects) as well as project management, communications and evaluation support. The programme is not intended to fund academic research.

Application deadline: 31 May

Find out more: [Website](#); Email: [Kate.Phillips17@nhs.net](mailto:Kate.Phillips17@nhs.net); weekly drop in sessions (see links at bottom of this [webpage](#))

**9<sup>th</sup> June Ride for their Lives**

Registration is now open for the UKHACC Ride for their Lives around Regents Park, London

[Click here to sign up](#)

The event is taking place during Great Big Green Week and aims to inspire people to see the benefits of swapping the car for the bike for the good of health and our environment, and to call on our election candidates to step up and play their part. Participants will also be encouraged to bring a book to swap on the day. All health professionals are welcome to join.

**3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 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 promo code: *greenhealth*