

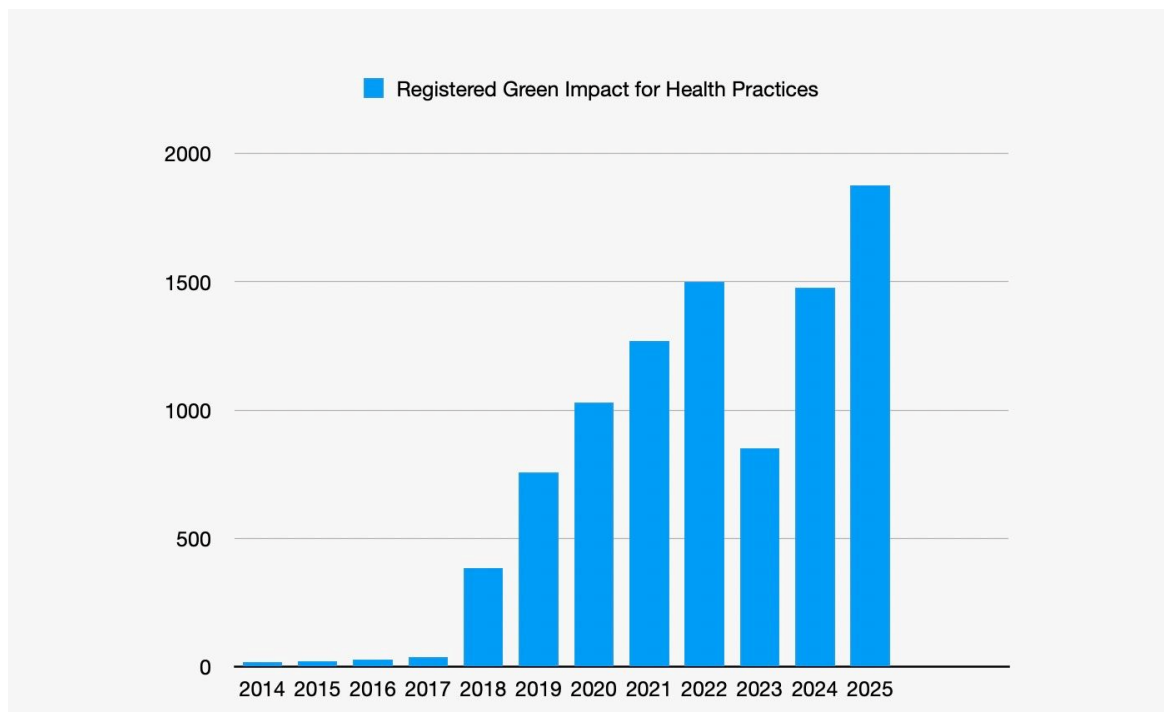
GREEN IMPACT FOR HEALTH NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2025

Green Impact Awards 2025

There were 144 submissions for awards in 2025 (184 in 2024). This year there were 10 Platinum, 16 Gold, 32 Silver, 61 Bronze and 25 Pioneer awards. We are in the process of reviewing a handful of awards, so numbers may change very slightly! Green Impact continues to grow....and continues to be funded by RCGP until the end of 2028.

Notes

- Initially the Green Impact year was an academic year ending with audits after July but this has been changed (and relabelled) to the calendar year.
- The percentages of UK practices registered with Green Impact for Health is currently about 23%. The total number of practices in the UK is declining as they close or merge.
- Registered practices are deregistered if they have been inactive for 3 years
- 2020 was the Covid Pandemic
- 2023 The old web platform was replaced with a new web platform and all practices had to make new registrations



In the News

How do Britons think and feel about climate and nature?

The 2025 and fifth [Britain Talks Climate report](#) is out. The aim is better understand and engage with people's priorities, questions and concerns about climate and nature. It helps you tell more compelling climate stories that resonate with people with different values and backgrounds.

Turning physiological science into action on climate and health

The Physiological Society convened the Global Climate and Health Summit in July 2025 to bring together global experts to map where physiology can drive faster, fairer climate action. This [page](#) shares the key themes from the Summit, outlines next steps and invites you to get involved in Phase 2 workshops.

Lancet Countdown UK Policy Priorities

The [2025 Lancet Countdown UK Policy Priorities](#) were published at the end of October, and call for action across energy transformation, food systems and adaptation to protect health and reduce emissions. UK Health Alliance on Climate Change (UKHACC) issued a [statement](#) around this too.

Bill Gates published his views about Climate change just before COP30

These views were not welcomed by climate activists but were welcomed by President Trump. Bill McKibben who has spent 4 decades warning about climate change gives this useful response to the Gates view. If you learn more watch this [40min interview](#) with McKibben

The world's green house gas emissions

[Climate Trace](#) maps and shows how to reduce emissions.

Cutting medicines waste in care homes

This project, funded through [Q Exchange](#) by the [Health Foundation](#) and [NHS England](#), used the [SusQI approach](#) to explore the environmental and social impacts of medicines waste in care homes. The Centre for Sustainable Healthcare (CSH) has [published a new report and practical resources](#) on reducing medicines waste in care homes. Alongside the full report – which includes an executive summary, quick implementation guide, policy recommendations and case studies – they've also created a freely available 16-minute educational screencast with an accompanying PDF.

[National Emergency Briefing on Climate and Nature](#)

In late November over 1,200 people gathered at Westminster Central Hall, including around 150 Parliamentarians, senior civil servants, business leaders, faith voices, cultural and sport figures and community leaders. Experts presented the interconnected threats facing the UK, alongside the actions that science suggests are necessary. What can you do now?

1. Sign our letter - At the event, a letter was read out by Olivia Williamson, calling for a televised emergency briefing. [Please sign and share.](#)

2. Get on social media - Please visit our Post [NEB Content Pack](#) - with content ready for you to share. Together we can help turn this moment into a national turning point.

How can others view the National Emergency Briefing?

NEB are producing short films of each of the nine expert talks, combining footage of the speakers with slides from their presentations. These will appear on our [YouTube channel](#) in the coming days. Please subscribe today, which will help build momentum around the content. And then there is the film.....Once the talks are uploaded, NEB will be starting work on this film project as significant as the event itself. We expect it to be ready in early spring next year and aim for it to be seen by communities and households nationwide over the course of 2026.

The Alliance for Transformative Action on Climate and Health (ATACH)

works to realize the ambition set at COP26 to build climate resilient and sustainable health systems, using the collective power of WHO Member States and other stakeholders to drive this agenda forward at pace and scale; and promote the integration of climate change and health nexus into respective national, regional, and global plans.

Two new technical guidance documents have been published this week on the ATACH Community of Practice [website](#). They were launched during ATACH day at COP30.

1. Guidance for measuring GHG emissions in health systems sets out a common approach to calculating health system emissions. It outlines that rapid and significant progress can be made with modest resources.
2. The report for decarbonizing the healthcare supply chain strategic actions for health systems sets out practical actions for health systems to take. Actions are outlined in two areas: optimizing demand and usage and accelerating supplier decarbonization through sustainable procurement practices.

National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) funding opportunity on decarbonising the health and social care system [applications are now open](#)

This is the second year of NIHR's climate, health and sustainability commitments to help reduce carbon emissions and achieve net zero, this cross-programme funding opportunity is running annually for 5 years from 2024. Proposed research should aim to generate high-quality evidence, focused on decarbonisation of the health and social care system, that supports both innovations and/or existing interventions, service models or care pathways. Apply by 1pm on 11 March 2026.

BMJ Leaders topic collection on Planetary Health Leadership

All the papers published are now free to read for 2 months. From studies [exploring attitudes, behaviours and barriers to environmental sustainability](#) to research exploring [carbon savings in the management of shoulder dislocations](#), all the latest evidence is available [here](#).

Many thanks,
The GIFH Team
