



GREEN IMPACT FOR HEALTH NEWSLETTER

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Since the reset of the toolkit on its new web platform in February 2023 there are now 1738 (22%) of 7861 UK GP practices/organisations using the toolkit. Future funding has been agreed by RCGP both to continue the web platform management by SOS until the end of 2028 and starting in 2026 the management of content by Greener Practice.

General Updates

Please help our annual review of the contents of the toolkit

You can help update the toolkit over the summer by checking some of the criteria for errors or timely updates. Each reviewer only has to check about 5 of the criteria. 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. Please volunteer by email [here](#).

Improving the Toolkit

At any time, your feedback and suggestions for improvement about any aspect of the toolkit are always welcome. Please send them [here](#).

A New Dashboard for Integrated Care and Health Boards

...and other multipractice organisations has been added to the toolkit. For this to work you must make sure that your designated Health Board or Integrated care Board has been selected in 'Team Settings'. There is a question there that asks, 'What is the name of your UK Health Boards or Integrated Healthcare Board?' You must choose yours

from the drop-down menu in your 'Team Settings'. You navigate to 'Team Settings' by logging in then clicking on the up/down arrows in the Top Right-Hand corner of the screen next to your photo. Select 'Team Settings' and go to the question to select your Health Board/ICB Board. For more information about how to access to the Dashboard contact the SOS webpage administration at giforhealth@sos-uk.org.

The New Greener Practice Platform

...was launched on 1st July – it had been delayed due to some technical glitches and need for user testing. This replaces the old website but has the same [web address](#). It's been a huge effort and there may be some teething problems. If you discover any problems, please report them via the website. You can register on the website as a Network member for free [HERE](#) and

- Join Local Groups
- Join Special Interest Groups
- Receive newsletters and email updates
- Access the filterable map of Network Members
- Access webinar recordings

There is a paywall to join [NetworkPlus](#) as an individual member or part of an organisation (e.g. as a practice, PCN, ICB etc) and access all the resources that include:

- Access the Project Library of practical QI projects
- Full access to the Resource Library
- Connect with other Network Members

If you want to make progress more quickly increasing your sustainability and reducing your carbon footprint it seems very good value for a practice in terms of saving your time and effort to invest £100 (for a 10,000 patient practice) to join as a [NetworkPlus organisation](#) and access the library of turnkey projects that are easy and quick for practices to implement.

Publications & Useful Info

Frequently asked questions (FAQs) have been published on the [Greener NHS Knowledge Hub](#)

You need an NHS email address to access the hub. The FAQs cover all medicines, with a specific section on appropriate inhaler disposal. The FAQs are intended to provide more clarity about appropriate medicines and inhaler disposal for clinicians and systems. For most medicines, “appropriate disposal” means that patients or their carers should bring any unwanted, expired or empty medicines to a community pharmacy for disposal. These returned medicines will then be disposed of via the pharmaceutical waste stream, meaning that they are incinerated at very high temperatures. A small number of community pharmacies are part of recycling schemes for certain medicine products (such as inhalers and injection devices), but these schemes are currently not widely available. **No medicines should be disposed of by being thrown by patients into their household waste or recycling.**

[REAL ZERO](#) suggests 7 actions you should take to save the world:



Real Zero

Waste Segregation

This short (2min) [video on waste segregation](#) could be used in waiting room videos.

AI Data Centres

The Wall Street Journal YouTube 7 min video explains how AI Data centres work [How Your AI Prompt Travels Through a Data Center](#).

The WONCA Planetary Health Equitable and Sustainable Events Policy 2023 is [HERE](#).

Kind Regards,

The Green Impact for Health Team

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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