

GREEN IMPACT FOR HEALTH NEWSLETTER

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Green Impact Awards 2025

This year 152 practices (of the 1800 practices registered with Green Impact) have submitted for the Green Impact award. The submissions will be reviewed over the next 6 weeks and practices should be notified of the results by the end of November/ early December. After notification of your award there will be a period of 2 weeks in which you can appeal the judgement of the award. Last year in 2024: 232 (of the 1367 practices then registered) submitted for the award. There were 11 Platinum, 37 Gold, 22 Silver, 99 Bronze and 50 Pioneer awards.

General Updates

NHS England Greener NHS has published its [5 year progress report](#). It is now using better methodology with more granular data. Applying the improved foot printing methodology to carbon emissions' calculations from the past 5 years, the NHS Carbon Footprint, emissions in 2024/25 are estimated to be 4.7 MtCO₂e. Compared with a revised estimate of 14.5 MtCO₂e for 1990 emissions, this represents a total reduction of 68% and means the NHS is on track to meet its interim target by 2032. This follows a reduction of 14% in the 5 years since the publication of the NHS's net zero strategy.

Much of the report relates to secondary care but primary care will note that:

- Improving respiratory care and optimising the use of inhalers has reduced direct emissions from inhalers: emissions have fallen by over 340 ktCO₂e (33%) since 2019/20. Progress is expected to continue following the recent publication of [updated asthma clinical guidelines](#) which further support better outcomes for asthma patients and a lower environmental impact

Some of the next steps detailed include:

- As part of their green plans, all trusts and ICBs should now have an established clinical lead with oversight of net zero clinical transformation as well as formal links into board level leadership and governance. In line with [Green Plan guidance](#), the [Climate Change Risk Assessment tool](#) should be rolled out across all trusts and systems, ensuring local response plans are informed by comprehensive risk assessments of local sites and services
- As part of the Design for Life programme, a training and skills framework and a behaviour change plan will be developed, which will support staff to deliver the financial, carbon, resilience and patient safety opportunities that circular and low carbon products provide.
- The [Third National Adaptation Programme](#) (NAP3) sets out the key NHS actions for 2023 to 2028, including updated standards for facilities' resilience planning.
- The [Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response core standards](#) mandate robust business continuity plans across all NHS trusts for incidents such as flooding, extreme heat and severe cold and conducting an emergency response exercise on adverse weather and health in every NHS region by 2030. These exercises will assess response capabilities, communication pathways and resource coordination among organisations and partners