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Green Impact for Health 2025

Programme Impact Report



Green Impact: Global Influence



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What is Green Impact

Green Impact transforms organisations through our **United Nations award-winning programme** that makes **environmental and social sustainability achievable for everyone**.

We empower your teams to achieve ambitious sustainability goals by **bringing people together, focusing on solutions, and turning passion into action**.

Thousands of people all over the world are changing their workplace behaviours to protect nature and the climate.

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Himalayan Balsam pulling / NOSY Creative Agency

Green Impact works!

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90%

of participants know more about how to use their knowledge to make changes to their daily life

81%

of volunteer student auditors feel the experience has positively enhanced their employability

100%

of organisations report they've seen positive changes in pro-environmental behaviour

89%

of participants would rate Green Impact as Good or Excellent overall, and 90% had fun taking part

97%

of participants identified new skills or knowledge gained from taking part in Green Impact

77%

of participants identified changes to their own habits or behaviour from taking part in Green Impact

Source: SOS UK end of year programme evaluation surveys, 2024-25

In 2024-25, Green Impact...



worked with
2,046
organisations,
ranging from
Students' Unions to
NHS Trusts



had **3,644**
participating Green
impact teams,
led by more than
9,334 people!



trained **891**
students as
auditors and
project
assistants



reached **1.5**
million people
through our Green
Impact Teams'
hard work!



completed more
than
37,508 positive
sustainability
actions

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The framework

Green Impact offered teams **129** sustainability actions in an online, interactive toolkit. The toolkit included themes such as energy saving, waste & recycling, social prescribing, water, cost hotspot and more!

☆ PRS008

Clinical

Prescribing

Gold

Criteria

Further
information

How you will be
audited

Comments &
evidence

The practice can show evidence of a reduced number of unnecessary prescriptions (particularly for patients on 7 or more prescriptions).



☆ ENS007

Cost Hotspot

Energy Saving

Bronze

Criteria

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evidence

The practice has had an assessment of heat loss, for example, through loft insulation, windows, doors, walls etc.



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Green Impact for Health

Since Green Impact for Health launched in 2014, teams have completed over 55,000 actions. Here's what GIFH achieved in 2025...



1,901 teams registered and **146** teams received an award



Over **4,000** people led on sustainability through Green Impact teams



110 students were trained and empowered in their roles as auditors



Reached over **15 million** patients through your Green Impact Teams' hard work



completed more than **16,000 positive sustainability actions**, verified by student auditors

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Green Impact for Health in numbers 2025

17 surgeries
achieved gold
awards



109 surgeries
declared their
practice a safe
surgery



52 practices have
worked on their
digital carbon
footprint



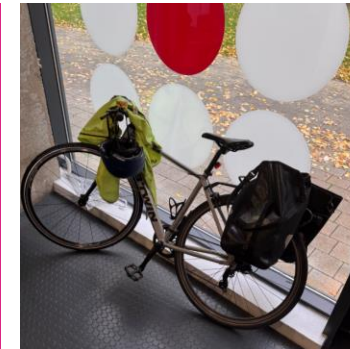
12 surgeries
achieved
platinum awards

103 surgeries
recycled all their
printer and toner
cartridges



61 surgeries
achieved bronze
awards

36 practices
encouraged low
carbon and
active travel



85 practices
improved water
saving behaviours
in kitchens

26 criteria focus
on saving energy

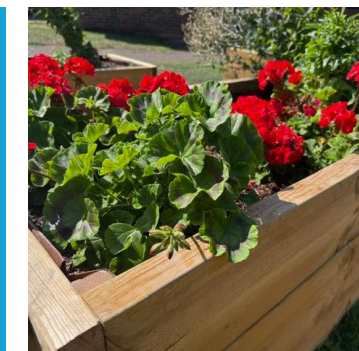


50 criteria
support practices
to take climate
action



1,901 surgeries
registered on the
toolkit

Over 4,000
people led on
Green impact



32 surgeries
achieved silver
awards

The Sustainable Development Goals

The Green Impact toolkit is aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals to show teams that the actions they take in the workplace or at home can support **global** efforts for **sustainable** development.

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Since the new toolkit launch...



3,261 actions were completed that supported Goal 12



448 actions were completed that supported Goal 11



3,248 actions were completed that supported Goal 13



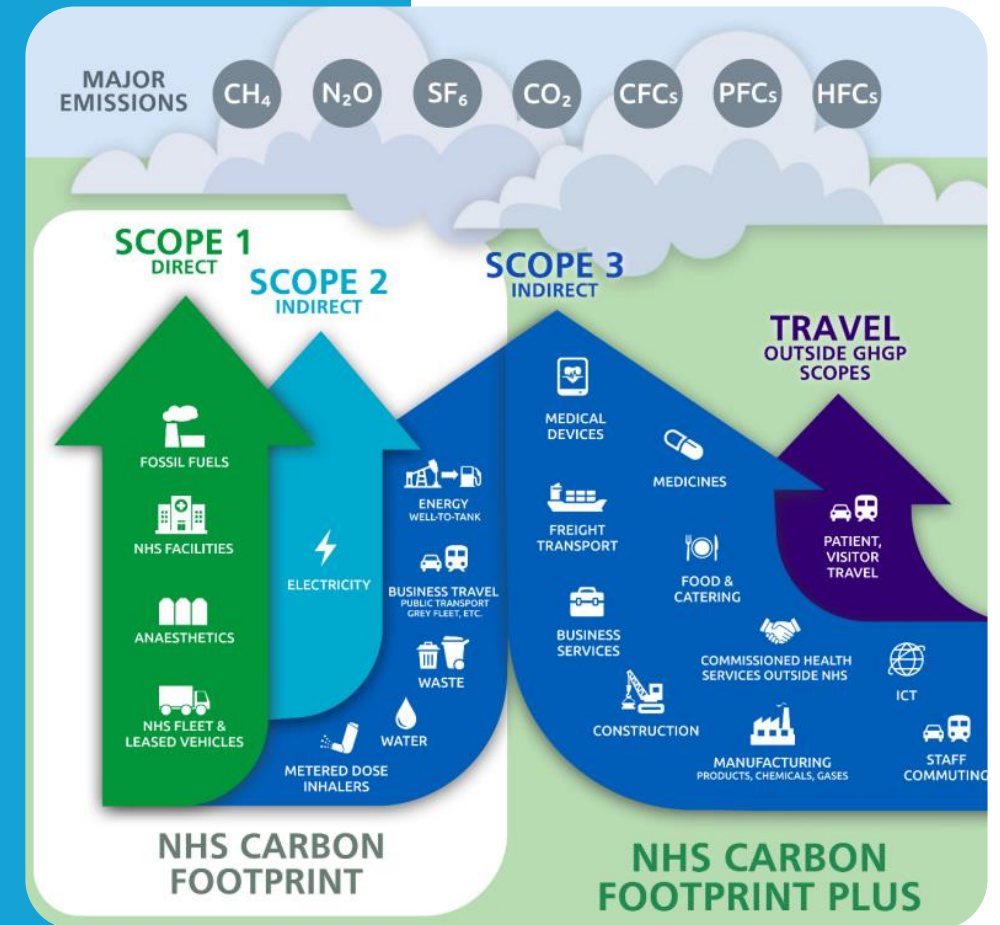
340 actions were completed that supported Goal 10

Supporting Greener NHS

In 2020 the NHS committed to providing a net zero health system by 2040.

The plan covers key themes such as travel, medicines and prescriptions, energy and more, which the Green Impact Toolkit empowers staff to act on.

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Team Spotlight

The below examples demonstrate some of the innovative and engaging work happening across Green Impact teams locally.

Frome Medical Centre

- Have installed solar panels, providing renewable energy to the practice.
- Have drafted a plan for carbon neutrality with clear actions.
- Reduced energy associated with lighting by one third.



Rosebank Health

- Installed instant hot water boilers.
- Source local seasonal food for catering.
- Hosted a workshop on sustainability for staff.
- Run a cycle to work scheme.



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Award winners (1)

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PIONEER

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Birchington Medical Centre

Chelmer Medical Partnership

chiswick medical practice

Devonshire Green & Hanover Medical Centres, Sheffield

Elsdale street surgery

Lavender Hill Group Practice, Battersea

MGS Medical Practice

myGP Clinic

Parkway Medical Group

Plas Ffynnon Medical Centre, Oswestry

Pond Tail Surgery - Godstone, Surrey

Queensbridge Group Practice

Radford Medical Practice

St Bartholomew and Hollow Way Medical Centre

St George and Riverside

Summertown HC Oxford

The Clapton Surgery

The Gables Green Team, Dagenham

The Hoxton Surgery

The Rycote Practice, Thame

Weeping Cross, Stafford

Wellington Medical Centre

Wells Health Centre

West Cornforth Medical Centre, West Cornforth

Award winners (2)

Bartlett Group Practice, Frimley Green

Billinghay Medical Practice, Billinghay

Brook Square Surgery, Scarborough

Bruton Surgery, Bruton

Burnham & Berrow Medical Centre, Somerset

Buttercross Health Centre & Ilchester Surgery, Somerton

Caen Medical Centre

Church Avenue Medical Group Harrogate

Coleford Medical Practice

Corner Place Surgery, Paignton

Creech Medical Centre, Creech St. Michael

Crewkerne Health Centre, Crewkerne

Cripps - University of Nottingham

De Beauvoir Surgery

Deddington Health Centre

Easington and Peterlee Medical group

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BRONZE AWARD 2025

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Exmoor Medical Centre, Dulverton

Godolphin Health, Connor Downs & Praze an Beeble, Cornwall

Gosberton Medical Centre

Granville House Medical Centre, Adlington

Green Valleys Health, Bristol

Grove House Surgery, Shepton Mallet, Somerset

Haddenham Surgery

Hallgarth Surgery

Hamdon Medical Centre, Stoke-sub-Hamdon

Hanley Primary Care Centre, London

Harris Memorial Surgery, Illogan & Lanner, nr Redruth

Hereford Medical Group

Highbridge Medical Centre, Highbridge

Horn Lane Surgery

Intrahealth Parkgate Medical Practice

JS Medical Practice

Award winners (3)

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BRONZE AWARD 2025

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King Street Surgery Paisley

Kingsmead Healthcare

Kingswood Health Centre, Bristol

Kingswood Surgery

Lister House Surgery, Wiveliscombe

Litherland Medical Practice

Martock Surgery & South Petherton Medical Centre,

Somerset

Meopham Medical Centre

MyHealth York

Nene Valley Hodgson Medical Practice, Peterborough

North Petherton Surgery, North Petherton

Northern Medical Centre, London

Oakfield Surgery, Newmarket

Oaklands Surgery, Yeovil

Oxted Health Centre

Pennine GP Alliance

Reach Healthcare, Medway

Springfield Medical Centre, Eccles

St John's Way Medical Centre

Stanmore Medical Group, Stevenage

Staploe Medical Centre

Stockingford Medical Centre

the cranborne practice

The Haven Surgery Burnhope

The Meadows Surgery, Ilminster

The Orchard Medical Centre

Village Surgery

Wincanton Health Centre, Wincanton

Wingate Medical Centre

Award winners (4)

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SILVER AWARD 2025

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Acton Lane Medical Centre

Auckland Medical Group, Bishop Auckland

Beaumont Elms Practice, Oxford

Brownlow Health

Carnon Downs Practice Cornwall

Charlton Medical Centre, Shropshire

Fakenham Medical Practice

Forest Health Care

Healthcare Group Guernsey

Hindon Surgery

Kingswood Medical Group, Swindon

Lea Vale Medical Practice

Marks Gate Health Centre, Dagenham

Millfield Surgery, Easingwold

Mowbray Group Surgeries Northallerton

Over Wyre Medical Centre, Preesall. Poulton Le Fylde.

Perranporth Surgery

Queens Road Medical Practice Guernsey

Seaton and Colyton Medical Practice

Shaftesbury Medical Centre Leeds

St Thomas Medical Group, Exeter

Stamford Lakeside Healthcare

Tamar Valley Health

Tavyside Health Centre, Devon

The Adam Practice, Poole Dorset

The Exchange Surgery

Topcliffe Surgery, Thirsk

Warwick House Medical Practice, Taunton

Wick HC

Wychbury Medical Group

Wychwood Surgery, Shipton-under-Wychwood

York Medical Group

Award winners (5)

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GOLD AWARD 2025

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Allerton Road Medical Centre
Bodriggy Health Centre, Hayle
Bovey Tracey & Chudleigh Practice
Churchdown Surgery, Gloucester
Dearne Valley Health Centre, Scissett. Huddersfield
Gloucester Road Medical Centre, Bristol
Hannage Brook Medical Centre
HCA Primary Care (multi-site/head office London)

London Fields Medical Centre (London)
Merepark Medical Centre
North Arden PCN, Warwickshire
The Burns Practice, Doncaster
The Grove Medical Centre, Sherborne
The Heron Practice, Hackney, London
The Lodge Health Partnership, St Albans
The Wall House Surgery
Tollgate Medical Centre, Newham

Award winners (6)

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PLATINUM AWARD 2025

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Broom Leys Surgery, Leicestershire

Fremington Medical Centre, Barnstaple

Frome Medical Practice

Horfield Health Centre, Bristol

Lawrence Hill Health Centre, Bristol

Oak Tree Surgery and Pensilva Health Centre - Liskeard

Penryn Surgery, Penryn, Cornwall

Pioneer Medical Group, Bristol

Rosebank Health, Gloucester

St Austell Healthcare Group

The Aberfeldy Practice

The Village Practice, Islington

Experiences

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Here's what participants of Green Impact have told us this year:

Chisom Okoye, Green Impact Auditor

“Taking part in this experience has deepened my understanding of sustainability as something that goes beyond large-scale environmental goals and is instead embedded in everyday organisational systems and behaviours. I was able to see how small, practical changes—like switching to reusable batteries, promoting digital-first communication, or adding reminders about waste segregation—can collectively make a meaningful difference.

Jenny Marsh, Green Impact Team Member

[the main benefit was] the connection with people in my team, and across Bristol who are also taking part.

Anonymous, Green Impact Team Member

[the main benefit was] working together on improvements for the environment and patients.

Aneesha Thampi, Green Impact Team Auditor

This experience has motivated me to be more intentional in my habits and to advocate for more sustainable practices in my community.

Getting recognised

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All Green Impact team members and student auditors who fill out the feedback survey will receive a digital badge to showcase their personal and professional development.

All teams receive a digital certificate.



“More than 20% of UK GP practices (around 2,000 practices) are currently registered to use the toolkit. Since it was launched in 2014, around 1,000 awards have been achieved by about 300 practices.

No practice has yet reached net zero, but many are making great progress and can demonstrate what they have achieved. The majority of practices choose not to apply for awards and instead use the toolkit as a simple “to-do list” to help them become more sustainable, reduce practice costs, lower their carbon footprint, and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

The toolkit remains free to use and this has been made possible through the efforts of volunteers, funding from the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP), and the work of the SOS team at Green Impact.

In 2026, the three-year NIHR research study (GPNet-0) evaluating the toolkit will be completed and published. The study will report on the institutional, organisational, professional, and patient-level factors that influence how decarbonisation actions are implemented in general practice. The findings are expected to have an impact across the NHS and beyond.”

Terry Kemple, RCGP

“It has been fantastic to see all the meaningful changes that have been made by GP practices this year to improve their environmental impact, despite ongoing challenges with time and resource. It shows a real commitment to a greener future, which is what Green Impact is all about! I’m looking forward to seeing what teams will achieve in 2026 and congratulations to all award winners.”

Eva Rodericks, Project Manager, SOS UK

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Congratulations to all teams!

Congratulations on your achievements! We hope that you will continue being a part of Green Impact next year and join us on our journey towards creating a just and sustainable world for all.



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