



<b>Report to:</b>	Humber and North Yorkshire ICB board
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
<b>Subject:</b>	ICB Green plan
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**STATUS OF THE REPORT:** *(Please click on the appropriate box)*

Approve  Discuss  Assurance  Information  A Regulatory Requirement

**SUMMARY OF REPORT:** On 1 July 2022, the NHS became the first health system to embed net zero into legislation, through the Health and Care Act 2022. This places duties on NHS England, and all trusts, foundation trusts, and integrated care boards to contribute towards statutory emissions and environmental targets. Integrated care boards (ICBs) will meet this new duty through the delivery of their localised Green Plans.

To support the NHS net zero ambition, each trust and integrated care system should have a Green Plan which sets out their aims, objectives, and delivery plans for carbon reduction. In each case, this should be signed off by the Trust Board, with a board-level 'net zero lead' responsible for overseeing its delivery. Given the pivotal role that integrated care systems (ICSs) play, each system will also need to develop its own Green Plan, based on the strategies of its member organisations.

This Green Plan review provides HNY ICB with a Green Plan that recognises all of the facets required by NHS England in the "[Delivering a Net Zero National Health Service](#)" demonstrating system leadership in tackling all aspects of climate change including: -

- 1) **net-zero** – reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- 2) **climate resilience (adaptation)** – resilient healthcare in the face of a changing climate.
- 3) **nature and biodiversity** – supporting ecosystem recovery.
- 4) **just and inclusive transition** – transitioning to a net-zero carbon economy in a way that is fair and equitable for all.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Members are asked to:

- **Note** – Note the progress that is being made by organisations in the region to tackle climate change.
- **Resource** - Align ICB resources to fulfil duties of the Health and Care Act (2022) with respect to climate change and the environment, and delivery the HNY Green Plan.
- **Review and Adopt** - Review and accept summary actions for HNY Green Plan 2022 – 2025
- **Publish and promote** - Facilitate the publication and widespread distribution of the plan in a refreshed HNY branding.

**ICB STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE** *(please click on the boxes of the relevant strategic objective(s))*

 <b>Humber and North Yorkshire</b> Realising our vision Health and Care Partnership	<b>Humber and North Yorkshire</b> Integrated Care Board (ICB)
Improving outcomes in population health and healthcare	☒
Supporting broader social and economic development	☒
Tackling inequalities in outcomes experience and access	☒
Delivering our operational plan 2022/23	☒
Developing our ICS	☒

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b> <i>(Please state N/A against any domain where none are identified)</i>	
Finance	Implementing the Green Plan requires integrating environmental sustainability into financial judgements, while appropriately aligning resources for effective delivery.
Quality	Climate action plans enhance efficiency, bolster reputations, mitigate risks, support regulatory compliance, and drive innovation, improving overall service quality.
HR	Aspects of the plan have implications for both training initiatives and organisational development within our structure.
Legal / Regulatory	The Green Plan fulfils the duties of the ICB, as embedded in the Health and Care Act 2022, to confront climate change, while acknowledging the principles outlined in the Climate Change Act 2008.
Data Protection / IG	N/A
Health inequality / equality	Addressing climate change mitigates health risks, improves living conditions, and fosters equality, reducing disparities in health outcomes.
Conflict of Interest Aspects	N/A
Sustainability	Our Green Plan sets out a methodical blueprint for system leadership, committed to the delivery across all elements of environmental sustainability. This Plan adheres to the regulations and requirements stipulated by relevant guidance and legislative mandates.

<p><b>ASSESSED RISK:</b> Risks associated with the delivery of the ICS Green Plan include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NHS financial pressures</b> could impede the successful delivery of the HNY Green Plan by limiting financial resources available for sustainable investments, staffing, technology and initiatives.</li> <li>• <b>Damage to Reputation:</b> Stakeholders, including patients, staff, and partners, increasingly value sustainability. Lack of progress against the Green Plan could harm ICB reputation, affecting confidence, community confidence and potential partnerships.</li> </ul>
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**Operational Disruptions:** A future healthcare system might face disruptions due to climate change-related events, like flooding, heatwaves, or power outages, impacting patient care and safety.

- **Patient Health Risks:** Failure of progress against environmental targets and healthcare system adaptation may present increased health risks for patients due to environmental factors, such as poor air quality or heatwaves caused by climate change.

**MONITORING AND ASSURANCE:** The Green Plan serves as our strategic response to climate change, covering a broad spectrum of domains. The ICB Board carries the obligation to implement monitoring measures for the progress of this plan, alongside its governance arrangements, including the overseeing of its committees. As part of this scrutiny, the "Greener NHS Dashboard" presents a comprehensive overview of targets, amalgamating data from various sources. One such source is the Estates Return Information Collection (ERIC), an annual compendium of data from NHS trusts relating to their estates and facilities, including costs, usage, and environmental sustainability. Other inputs include the Greener NHS Data Collection, Greener NHS Fleet Data collection, and Ambulance Fleet Data Collection, along with contributions from BOC, Air Liquide, and MGS. In addition, OpenPrescribing.net, a project developed by the Bennett Institute for Applied Data Science at the University of Oxford, provides accessible prescribing data.

**ENGAGEMENT:** The preparation of this report involved extensive collaboration with several key parties including the North East and Yorkshire Regional Greener NHS England Team, sustainability leads from various trusts, the HNY Net Zero Clinical Lead, Senior Pharmacists, and digital leads, in addition to the Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission.

**REPORT EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE**

No  Yes

If yes, please detail the specific grounds for exemption