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<b>Report to:</b>	Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	9 July 2025
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>HNY Green Plan</b>
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#### SUMMARY OF REPORT:

In response to the Health and Care Act 2022, which places duties on NHS organisations to contribute towards statutory emissions and environmental targets, the Integrated Care Board (ICB) and Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) approved its first Humber and North Yorkshire (HNY) Green Plan in July 2023, which was due for review in 2025.

This report presents the refreshed Humber and North Yorkshire Green Plan for Board approval. The Green Plan outlines our system-wide strategy to deliver environmentally sustainable healthcare, aligned with NHS England's net zero commitments, the Yorkshire & Humber Climate Commission principles and the requirements of the DHSC Group Accounting Manual (GAM), including board reporting requirements of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD). It reflects updated national Green Plan guidance, local progress, and revised climate and health priorities.

The Plan provides an ambitious framework to ensure the ICB fulfils its statutory duties and to enable and support the achievement of sustainability goals across the system.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board is asked to:

- i) Approve the content of the refreshed Humber and North Yorkshire Green Plan.
- ii) Delegate any final formatting amendments to the Executive Director of Strategy and Partnerships ahead of submission to NHSE by 31 July.
- iii) Ensure ongoing oversight through the ICB's governance framework, so that the board is assured of progress against goals and targets for addressing climate related issues; performance across the Humber and North Yorkshire health and care system is regularly monitored; and that climate related issues are routinely considered in planning and policy decisions.

## ICB STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

Leading for Excellence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leading for Prevention	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leading for Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Voice at the Heart	<input type="checkbox"/>

## IMPLICATIONS

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. The ICB is also required to provide an annual sustainability statement as part of the requirements of the DHSC Group Accounting Manual (GAM), including requirements of Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TFCD).
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. The Green Plan complies with legal duties, including the duty to reduce inequalities, the Public Sector Equality Duty and the duty to have regard to all likely wider effect of decisions.
Conflict of Interest	N/A
Sustainability	Our Green Plan sets out a 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.

## ASSESSED RISK:

Risks associated with the delivery of the HNY Green Plan include, but are not limited to:

- Financial: NHS financial pressures could impede the successful delivery of the HNY Green Plan by limiting financial resources available for sustainable investments (including climate adaptation), staffing, technology and initiatives.

- Reputational: Lack of progress against the Green Plan could harm ICB reputation, affecting confidence, community confidence and potential partnerships.
- Operational: A future healthcare system might face disruptions due to climate change-related events like flooding, heatwaves, or power outages, impacting patient care and safety.
- Population: Failure of progress climate mitigation and adaptation measures may present increased health risks for public/ patients due to environmental factors, such as poor air quality or heatwaves caused by climate change.
- Delivery: Lack of clarity around NHS roles and responsibilities/ structures for sustainability could hinder progress in delivering the Green Plan priorities.

The Green Plan addresses critical risks by integrating sustainability into healthcare delivery. It is deliberately designed to remain adaptable to the evolving landscape within the NHS and the broader system.

### **MONITORING AND ASSURANCE:**

The Green Plan serves as our strategic response to climate change, covering a broad spectrum of domains.

ICBs are required to report an annual summary of progress on delivery of green plans to their board and publish this in their annual report, including actions taken and planned, with quantitative progress data.

Reporting on progress against green plans should include:

- narrative updates on progress to date and key achievements against objectives
- delivery of key milestones and risks to future delivery
- quantitative assessment of progress against defined targets.

The annual report also includes environmental sustainability disclosures reporting on emissions (Scopes 1, 2, and 3) and energy usage.

### **ENGAGEMENT:**

The preparation of the refreshed Green Plan involved extensive collaboration with key stakeholders across the system including the North East and Yorkshire Regional Greener NHS England Team, sustainability leads from various trusts/ providers/ partners, Senior Pharmacists, digital leads and a range of ICB colleagues from various disciplines.

All stakeholders were given the opportunity to comment and make suggestions on the draft Plan. The Plan was subsequently amended to reflect feedback including but not limited to inclusion of Food and Nutrition and Procurement and Supply Chain sections.

**REPORT EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE**

No



Yes





## **1.0 Introduction and Purpose**

- 1.1 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. Given the pivotal role that integrated care systems (ICSs) play, each system also needs to develop its own Green Plan, based on the strategies of its member organisations.
- 1.2 The Integrated Care Board (ICB) and Integrated Care Partnership meet this duty through the delivery of the Humber and North Yorkshire Green Plan, which sets out our aims, objectives, and delivery plans for carbon reduction.
- 1.3 The Green Plan was approved 12 July 2023 and was due for review in 2025.
- 1.4 This report presents the refreshed Humber and North Yorkshire Green Plan for Board approval. The Green Plan outlines our system-wide strategy to deliver environmentally sustainable healthcare, aligned with NHS England's net zero commitments and the requirements of the DHSC Group Accounting Manual (GAM). It reflects updated national Green Plan guidance 2025, national targets, regional interpretation of priorities, local progress, and revised climate and health guidance.

## **2.0 Review and Refresh Process**

- 2.1 The Green Plan was assessed against national requirements and reviewed through a series of consultations/ workshops with stakeholders across the system with a key focus on how the system can integrate green plan priorities into existing plans, processes and roles. The priorities within the Green Plan received positive feedback.
- 2.2 The Green Plan sets out the key actions the system will take to deliver emissions reductions and support resilience to climate impacts over the next three years and still reflects the four guiding principles outlined by the Yorkshire & Humber Climate Commission:
  - Rapid emission reduction: to support rapid progress towards net zero carbon emissions.
  - Climate adaptation and resilience: to foster climate resilience and adaptation to climate risks and impacts.
  - Nature restoration: to promote action that protects and restores nature and biodiversity.
  - A just transition: to encourage a just and inclusive transition that helps reduce inequalities.
- 2.3 The Plan aims to:
  - Ensure the Board prioritises and discharges statutory responsibility towards sustainability including a designated board-level net zero lead with clearly identified operational support.
  - Recognise Green Plan actions as opportunities to improve health, reduce inequalities, and save money.
  - Align the Green Plan with key strategic documents such as the iCS Integrated Strategy for Wellbeing, Health and Care, infrastructure strategy, and capital plans.

- Report progress metrics to the Board every three months.
- Lead Green Plan areas requiring ICB leadership with clear delivery mechanisms.
- Coordinate Green Plan areas requiring provider leadership.

2.4 Through the refresh process the ICB is taking the opportunity to develop its approach for monitoring and assurance in line with the Greener NHS Dashboard and Green Plan Support Tool which provides a centralised platform for tracking and visualising progress towards environmental sustainability goals and allows ICBs to benchmark against other NHS organisations.

2.5 The Green Plan has been amended to reflect feedback from the consultation/ workshops and subsequent ongoing engagement.

### **3.0 Next steps**

3.1 Subject to Board approval, the Green Plan will be:

- Submitted to NHS England by end of July 2025.
- Shared with system partners and published on the ICB website.
- Monitored through the ICB's governance structures and the NHS Greener Dashboard and reported on annually.

### **4.0 Recommendations**

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