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# Environmental sustainability round-up

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This briefing is intended to update HFMA members on developments in environmental sustainability both within the NHS and the wider finance profession.

### In the news

#### 'For a Greener NHS' campaign launched

At the end of January NHS England and NHS Improvement chief executive Sir Simon Stevens launched the new campaign *For a Greener NHS* to help tackle the climate health emergency.

To find out more about the national ambition, case studies and how to get involved, just visit the new website [www.england.nhs.uk/greenernhs/](http://www.england.nhs.uk/greenernhs/).

#### NHS Sustainability Day 2020

The 2020 NHS Sustainability Day will be held on 19 March. A calendar feature for the past 10 years, the day celebrates the important role that sustainable development plays within the NHS. A series of road shows will be held across Great Britain in the lead-up to the day.

Visit [www.nhssustainabilityday.co.uk](http://www.nhssustainabilityday.co.uk) for more information on how your organisation can take part.

#### Call to action in response to climate change

14 accounting bodies across the globe have signed a call to action in response to climate change. The call to action highlights that climate change represents an economic, social and business risk – a risk that accountants from across the world must act on.

For more information visit [www.accountingforsustainability.org](http://www.accountingforsustainability.org).

#### LED lighting funding

9 March 2020 is the final date to drawdown the funding for trusts who were successful in applying for assistance with LED lighting installation. This really is a 'use-it or lose-it' pot of funding, so do act now if you if this applies to your trust.

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## Sustainable Development Unit (SDU)

As part of the *For a greener NHS* campaign, the SDU have made a **call for evidence** in order to help set a path to net zero carbon. They are hoping to build on all the great work bring achieved by individuals, teams and organisations across the country by sharing ideas and best practice. The closing date for submitting your ideas is 22 March 2020.

Visit [www.sduhealth.org.uk/news/700/your-views-on-getting-the-nhs-to-net-zero-carbon/](http://www.sduhealth.org.uk/news/700/your-views-on-getting-the-nhs-to-net-zero-carbon/) to submit your evidence

All English NHS organisations are now required to have a **Green Plan** by 2021 (formerly known as a Sustainable Development Management Plan (SDMP)). To assist organisations, the SDU and NHSE&I have recently published guidance called *How to produce a green plan*. The guidance covers what a green plan is, what it should include and steps on how to construct and communicate the plan with stakeholders in mind.

Quantifying projects' **environmental and socio-economic benefits** is difficult. The SDU has developed a **social value calculator** to help. Whether for interventions and initiatives already underway, or future procurement, service design or commissioning decisions, the calculator is designed to assist capture, quantify and report the positive social value being created.

So far 135 trusts have signed up to the **plastics pledge**. Making the pledge and providing the evidence requested will help demonstrate how organisations have made progress with minimising the use of plastics, as required by the 2019/20 NHS Standard Contract.

For more information, including case studies see [www.sduhealth.org.uk/nhs%20long%20term%20plan/single-use-plastics/catering-plastics-pledge.aspx](http://www.sduhealth.org.uk/nhs%20long%20term%20plan/single-use-plastics/catering-plastics-pledge.aspx).

## Do you need a Green Mentor?

Raising awareness about environmental sustainability in the NHS can sometimes feel like an uphill struggle, especially if it's in addition to the day job. Do you sometimes feel you could do with a helping hand, a point in the right direction?

Many people in this position rely on a like-minded board member or senior clinician, but who can you turn to if there is no-one like this in your organisation?

If this feels like you, then please get in touch with us here at HFMA. Our environmental sustainability special interest group includes a number of current and former senior finance professionals who have the appropriate experience, networks and enthusiasm to help guide you.

To find out more please contact [charley.spicer@hfma.org](mailto:charley.spicer@hfma.org)

## Up-coming events

17 March 2020 – **Leadership skills for sustainability and health** (Leeds), SDU

20 March 2020 – **Environmental sustainability in healthcare conference** (London), Westminster Health Forum

03 April 2020 - **Small changes, big differences - delivering sustainable change** (Plymouth), Royal College of Nursing

June/October 2020 – **Sustainability schools** (Oxford), Centre for Sustainable Healthcare

## The HFMA's Environmental Sustainability Special Interest Group

The HFMA's Environmental Sustainability Special Interest Group works to highlight good practice in embedding environmental and social sustainability in the NHS and the wide range of benefits this offers, including operating within safe financial and environmental limits, developing robust, resilient and future proof models of prevention and care.

The Group's membership includes representatives from provider and commissioner bodies in the NHS, as well as the Sustainable Development Unit (SDU), NHS England and NHS Improvement, the Prince's Accounting for Sustainability Project (A4S), the International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC), and independent consultants.

**If you are a member of the NHS finance community, and interested in contributing to the group, please contact Andrew Monahan, HFMA policy and research manager ([andrew.monahan@hfma.org.uk](mailto:andrew.monahan@hfma.org.uk)).**

## About the HFMA

The Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) is the professional body for finance staff in healthcare. For nearly 70 years, it has provided independent and objective advice to its members and the wider healthcare community. It is a charitable organisation that promotes best practice and innovation in financial management and governance across the UK health economy through its local and national networks.

The association also analyses and responds to national policy and aims to exert influence in shaping the wider healthcare agenda. It has particular interest in promoting the highest professional standards in financial management and governance and is keen to work with other organisations to promote approaches that really are 'fit for purpose' and effective.

The HFMA offers a range of qualifications in healthcare business and finance at undergraduate and postgraduate level and can provide a route to an MBA in healthcare finance. The qualifications are delivered through HFMA's Academy which was launched in 2017 and has already established strong learner and alumni networks.

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