

AWARD: Carbon reduction

The NHS is responsible for 30 per cent of all public sector carbon emissions and we are required to play our part in reducing the UK's emissions in line with the Climate Change Act. The UK target is 34 per cent by 2020 on 1990 levels.

This award will showcase an organisation that has set and achieved clear SMART carbon targets in relation to various carbon hotspots, such as energy, travel or goods, with a baseline year and clear target date (for example, aligned to or exceeding the Climate Change Act targets).

The organisation should be able to demonstrate significant and sustained reduction in carbon emissions over more than two years from at least estates and travel and will be able to show how it has achieved this.

As the judges mark your entry they will be looking for:

- A clear description of why your organisation/project is exemplary
- Any evidence of environmental, social and/or local economic benefits
- Lasting and replicable change
- Details of any financial savings
- Benefits to staff, patient or population health
- Challenges the organisation has had to overcome.