



North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust Environmental Policy Statement

The North East Ambulance Service (NEAS) NHS Foundation Trust covers the counties of Northumberland, Tyne and Wear, Durham and Teesside, an area of approximately 3,230 square miles and employs more than 2000 staff, serving a population of 2.6 million. The Trust acknowledges that as a major provider of services to the community, our activities and operations will inevitably have an impact on the environment.

We seek excellence in every aspect of the Trust and as a consequence we are committed to preventing pollution from our business. We endeavour to comply with and, where possible, exceed the requirements of all relevant environmental legislation as well as other requirements to which the Trust subscribes.

The Trust's commitment is to;

- Identify, evaluate and manage our significant environmental risks and impacts.
- Reduce our consumption and increase efficiency of utilities and fuel, and where possible use renewable energy.
- Measure and take action to reduce the Trust's carbon footprint by 30%, by 2020 from a 2012/13 baseline.
- Manage the waste generated by the Trust in accordance with the NEAS Waste Management Policy and the premise of reduce, reuse & recycle.
- Give due consideration to environmental issues and energy performance in the acquisition, design, refurbishment, and use of buildings.
- Purchase where possible environmentally superior goods & services from supply chain partners who have demonstrated a clear commitment to good environmental practice.
- Continually improve our environmental performance & integrate environmental best practice into the Trust's operations.

To meet our commitments we will;

- Set and monitor key targets & objectives as outlined in the NHS Sustainability Strategy 2014-2020
- Communicate key ideas and initiatives through the Trust's Environmental Working Group on a quarterly basis, encouraging feedback and stakeholder engagement.
- Benchmark ourselves against other Ambulance Services through The Green Environmental Ambulance Network (GrEAN), the National Ambulance Procurement Group, National Estates Group and the National Strategic Fleet Group, and strive for improvement.
- Communicate the policy internally to employees and externally to stakeholders and the public encouraging feedback. The policy is available to view on the Trust's intranet.
- Renew our policy on a regular basis and seek continual improvement on our targets.

The implementation of this policy will be overseen by Chief Executive Yvonne Ormston.

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