The NHS aims to reduce its carbon footprint by 10% between 2009 and 2015. Reducing the amount of energy used in our organisation contributes to this goal.

There is also a financial benefit which comes from reducing our energy bill.

Our energy costs have increased by 7% in 2012/13, the equivalent of 101 hip operations.

We have not yet quantified our plans to reduce carbon emissions and improve our environmental sustainability.

We recover or recycle 1085 tonnes of waste, which is 35% of the total waste we produce.
Our total energy consumption has risen during the year, from 139,841 to 148,946 MWh.

Our relative energy consumption has changed during the year, from 0.42 to 0.45 MWh/square metre.

Renewable energy represents 0.0% of our total energy use. We do not generate any energy. We have made arrangements to purchase electricity generated from renewable sources.

Our measured greenhouse gas emissions have increased by 1,146 tonnes this year. We do not currently collect data on our annual Scope 3 emissions.
Our water consumption has reduced by 10,787 cubic meters in the recent financial year.

In 2012/13 we spent £770,778 on water.

The CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme is a mandatory scheme aimed at improving energy efficiency and cutting emissions in large public and private sector organisations.

During 2012/13 our total expenditure on business travel was £1,177,010.

Our expenditure on waste in the last two years was incurred as follows:
Our organisation has an up to date Sustainable Development Management Plan.

Having an up to date Sustainable Development Management plan is a good way to ensure that an NHS organisation fulfils its commitment to conducting all aspects of its activities with due consideration to sustainability, whilst providing high quality patient care. The NHS Carbon Reduction Strategy asks for the boards of all NHS organisations to approve such a plan.

We consider neither the potential need to adapt the organisation's activities nor its buildings and estates as a result of climate change

Adaptation to climate change will pose a challenge to both service delivery and infrastructure in the future. It is therefore appropriate that we consider it when planning how we will best serve patients in the future.

Sustainability issues are not included in our analysis of risks facing our organisation.

NHS organisations have a statutory duty to assess the risks posed by climate change. Risk assessment, including the quantification and prioritisation of risk, is an important part of managing complex organisations.

In addition to our focus on carbon, we are also committed to reducing wider environmental and social impacts associated with the procurement of goods and services. This will be set out within our policies on sustainable procurement.

We plan to start work on calculating the carbon emissions associated goods and services we procure.

There is no Board Level lead for Sustainability.

A Board Level lead for Sustainability ensures that sustainability issues have visibility and ownership at the highest level of the organisation.

Sustainability issues, such as carbon reduction, are not currently included in the job descriptions of all staff.

We have not conducted a staff energy awareness campaign.

A sustainable NHS can only be delivered through the efforts of all staff.

Staff awareness campaigns have been shown to deliver cost savings and associated reductions in carbon emissions.

Our organisation does not have a Sustainable Transport Plan.

The NHS places a substantial burden on the transport infrastructure, whether through patient, clinician or other business activity. This generates an impact on air quality and greenhouse gas emissions. It is therefore important that we consider what steps are appropriate to reduce or change travel patterns.