Environment and Sustainability policy

The NHSBSA is a Special Health Authority and an Arm’s Length Body (ALB) of the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). We recognise the intrinsic link between the health of our environment, the health of our population, and the continued challenges posed by climate change now and in the future. We are committed to protecting the environment and integrating environmental sustainability throughout our organisation, services and strategic thinking, to manage our environmental impacts and mitigate our climate-related risks. We strive to continuously improve our environmental performance, as detailed in our Environment Strategy, to support us in meeting our policy outcomes.

**We are committed to:**

* Reducing our greenhouse gas emissions as we work towards becoming a Net Zero organisation by 2030 for emissions we control and 2040 for emissions we influence
* Reducing waste at source and maximising resource efficiency as we transition towards a more circular economy
* Identifying and adapting to climate related risk and opportunities
* Having an environmentally responsible and transparent supply chain in place for NHSBSA
* Ensuring our use of technology and digital services are responsible and sustainable.
* Protecting the environment and preventing pollution caused by what we do
* Ensuring that we comply with environmental laws related to what we do, and meeting the requirements of other policies, strategies etc. we support such as those created by Government, Department of Health and NHS
* Continually improve our environmental management system to enhance our performance by setting and reviewing objectives and targets relevant to the NHSBSA each year.

**We will achieve this by:**

* Operating an NHSBSA-wide environmental management system, which instructs staff and others on how to carry out key activities.
* Convening a quarterly board chaired by our Chief Executive with attendance from senior management stakeholders responsible for developing and implementing our environmental strategy and plan aimed at addressing our key material impacts and risks.
* Providing updates to our Board on environmental performance.
* Training and coaching staff (and others where appropriate) to ensure they understand how to play their part
* Communicating with staff (and others where appropriate) about environmental issues
* Actively engaging with relevant forums and groups to learn from others and share our knowledge and experience



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