# NHS Golden Jubilee

### **Meeting: NHS Golden Jubilee Board**

### **Meeting date: 12 December 2024**

### **Title: Annual Climate Emergency and Sustainability Report 2024**

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## 1 Purpose

**This is presented to NHS Golden Jubilee Board for:**

### Awareness

### Decision

### This report relates to a:

* Annual Operation Plan
* Government policy/directive
* Legal requirement

### This aligns to the following NHSScotland quality ambition(s):

* Effective

**This aligns to the following NHSGJ Corporate Objectives:**

* National/Regional Collaboration
* Valuing and Leading People
* Board Vision of Delivering Care Through Collaboration
* Effective

## 2 Report summary

## 2.1 Situation

The purpose of this report is to comply with:

A POLICY FOR NHS SCOTLAND ON THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT - DL (2021) 38

## 2.2 Background

The report is split into 16 sections as follows demonstrating our progress:

1. Introduction

2. Leadership and governance

3. Summary of impacts

4. Climate change adaptation

5. Building energy

6. Sustainable care

7. Anaesthesia and surgery

8. Respiratory medicine

9. Other sustainable care

10. Travel and transport

11. Greenspace and biodiversity

12. Sustainable procurement, circular economy and waste

13. Environmental stewardship

14. Sustainable construction

15. Sustainable communities

16. Conclusion

## 2.3 Assessment

• Carbon emissions have increased to 8,414.85 tonnes in 2023/24 compared to 7,624.31 tonnes in 2022/23 as we continue to extend and capture our emissions from all activities.

• Projects – teams have been updated to ensure we capture relevant data for reporting in 2024/25 and onwards.

• Carbon sequestration – measurement of carbon capture from our existing planting will be captured in 2024/25. A Greenspace and Biodiversity Group will be setup which will drive this initiative forward.

• Reporting in 2024/25 to be in draft form by June 2025 (see table below) for review through the appropriate governance routes and to continue this cycle thereafter.

### 2.3.1 Quality/ Patient Care

Continuing on the current path is not an option. Quality of service and patient care will be impacted by climate change. Driving down emissions, using less resources and using more efficiently is key.

### 2.3.2 Workforce

• Project team will be required to capture relevant data from projects to measure and demonstrate carbon savings.

• A new Greenspace and Biodiversity Group will require various Staff to commit time to support.

### 2.3.3 Financial

Increase carbon emissions = increased resources = increased cost.

Driving down emissions will drive down cost.

### 2.3.4 Risk Assessment/Management

Climate change risk assessment and adaptation plan noted within the report under section 4: adaptation. We will be working through the plan to bring the risk scores to the lowest level possible during 2024/25. The plan will be reviewed and updated annually thereafter.

### 2.3.5 Equality and Diversity, including health inequalities

This report does not require an equality impact assessment (EQIA); however, any projects identified within will be subject to and EQIA.

### 2.3.6 Climate Emergency and Sustainability

The report covers the whole organisation and focused in this area.

### Communication, involvement, engagement and consultation

The Board has carried out its duties to involve and engage external stakeholders where appropriate:

State how his has been carried out and note any meetings that have taken place.

### Route to the Meeting

This has been previously considered by the following groups as part of its development. The groups have either supported the content, or their feedback has informed the development of the content presented in this report.

* Executive Leadership Team, 29 October 2024
* Climate Change and Sustainability Strategic Group, 29 October 2024

## 2.4 Recommendation

Members are asked to accept this report for submission to Scottish Government by the deadline date of 30 November 2024.

* **Awareness** – For Members’ information only.
* **Decision** – Reaching a conclusion after the consideration of options.

## List of appendices

The following appendices are included with this report:

* Appendix No 1, CESAR Report 2024 Presentation