

Environmental and Sustainability Policy and Environmental Management System

The South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust is committed to providing a safe environment for its patients, staff and the wider community, to protect the local and global environment and support the development of the concept of sustainable healthcare. These aims are set out in the Trust's *Environmental and Sustainability* Policy which seeks to take a proactive stance in addressing these issues.

To help achieve these aims the Trust has developed an Environmental Management System (EMS) implemented by the Estates and Facilities Department, which seeks to adopt a systematic approach to managing the organisation's impact on the environment. The Environmental Management System provides a framework through which environmental performance can be controlled and improved and offers a *wide range of potential benefits* including cost savings, reduction of fuel use and reducing carbon emissions.

The establishment and adherence to an EMS is voluntary, however the Trust has registered for independent verification with the British Standards Institute (BSI), and was awarded both the *ISO:14001* and *ISO:50001* international standards. Both standards have a very positive reputation and are recognised as important validity indicators where funding and tender bids require the Trust to have effective Environmental Policies and Management System.

[*Environmental and Sustainability Policy*](#)

[*ISO:14001 Accreditation Certificate*](#)

[*ISO:50001 Accreditation Certificate*](#)

Benefits of an Environmental Management System *

Financial

- Identification of opportunities to reduce waste and thus reduce raw material, utility and waste disposal costs
- Reduced Energy and fuel costs
- Increased profits
- Reduced risk of fines for non-compliance with environmental legislation
- Lower insurance premiums as risks and liabilities are reduced
- Retaining site asset value
- More easily obtainable bank loans
- Attracting shareholders and investors

Management

- Structured approach to environmental issues and continual improvement
- Keeping ahead of environmental legislation
- Better relations with regulators

Public relations

- Improved relations with local community and environmental groups
- Improved public image

Productivity

- Improved process control (i.e. fewer rejects, less rework, higher yields)
- Reduced use of raw materials and consumables
- Less waste

Sales and marketing

- Improved products
- Competitive advantage (i.e. preferred supplier status)
- Increased sales achieved through promotion of greener credentials

The South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust is keen for new ideas and suggestions to help improve our work and performance on sustainable development and environment management . If you have any comments or ideas, questions, concerns or complaints; or if you would like to get involved, please get in touch with the Environmental Team at sustainability@slam.nhs.uk

(* Source: Business Resource Efficiency Guide: Your Guide to Environmental Management Systems, Waste & Resources, Action Programme WRAP, March 2015, @ www.wrap.org.uk/brehub)