

Report to:	Trust Board August 2012
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Title	Good Corporate Citizen and Carbon Management Annual Report
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Purpose	To update the Board on progress against the sustainability agenda and carbon management strategy
Previously considered by	Good Corporate Citizen Group – June 2012

Executive Summary

How the NHS behaves – as an employer, purchaser, manager of transport, energy, waste and water, as a landholder and commissioner of building work and as an influential partner in many communities – can make a huge difference to sustainability in the UK.

The Trust has participated in the Good Corporate Citizen scheme for five years and has seen slow but steady improvement in most areas, although there remains much more that can be done. The Trust's performance in terms of sustainability is now a key section of the Annual Plan submission required by the SHA, modelled on Monitor's requirements. This paper shows the progress over the past 12 months and the key priorities for the coming year.

The Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) is a mandatory scheme introduced to encourage reduction in energy usage and carbon emissions. Carbon allowances for buildings-related emissions are retrospectively purchased in April each year, and commenced in April 2012 (for the 10,127 tonnes of buildings-related carbon emissions in 2011-12), at a cost to the Trust of £117k. This cost would have been in excess of £180k but for some of our carbon emission reduction initiatives in place. This paper describes some of the actions and plans in place to further reduce energy usage.

Related SaTH objectives	Sub-objectives
FS – we will use our resources wisely and create surpluses to reinvest in quality	FS4: Maximise the productivity and efficiency of our services, eliminating waste and non value adding processes
Risk and Assurance Issues	Assurance required as part of Annual Plan submission to SHA
Equality and Diversity Issues	Promotes fair pay & working conditions through the supply chain
Legal and Regulatory Issues	Changing Climate Act 2010 , Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme (CRC) - mandatory scheme for large energy users

Action required by the Trust Board

- (i) **APPROVE** identified priority areas for each element during 2012/13
- (ii) **NOTE** the continued progress made against the Good Corporate Citizen agenda and CRC and the Carbon Management Plan.