

**The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust**

**Trust Board – November 2011**

**NHS Good Corporate Citizen/Carbon Sustainability Strategy/Carbon Reduction Commitment**

<b>Executive Lead</b>	Julia Clarke, Director of Compliance & Risk Management
<b>Corporate Objective</b>	Working in partnership to be the provider of choice
<b>Goal</b>	Achieving key milestones in Good Corporate Citizen action plan
<b>Executive Summary</b>	<p><b>Good Corporate Citizen</b> The Trust is an original participant in the NHS Good Corporate Citizenship Initiative developed by the Department of Health, NHS Confederation and Sustainable Development Commission. A toolkit has been developed by the Sustainable Development Unit (SDU) to record and drive progress.</p> <p>As one of the largest employers and businesses in Shropshire, the Trust has an opportunity to use its corporate powers and resources in ways that benefit the community. This paper describes progress to date</p> <p><b>Carbon Management Strategy</b> A key element of the Trust's Good Corporate Citizen agenda is the reduction of carbon emissions. SaTH has made significant progress in reducing its buildings-related carbon emissions and has plenty of opportunity for further reductions. The Trust's Sustainability and Carbon Management Strategy and associated action plan is available on the internet and this paper describes its key aims.</p> <p><b>Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC)</b> The Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme (CRC) is a mandatory scheme to encourage reduction in energy usage and carbon emission by large energy users. The CRC will result in a cost being associated with carbon emissions. Carbon allowances for buildings-related emissions will need to be retrospectively purchased in April each year, commencing April 2012 (for the 10,127 tonnes of buildings-related carbon emissions in 2011-12), at a cost to the Trust of £121,524. The scheme has been changed from its original format where it was intended to be revenue-neutral; it is now effectively a tax on carbon. At present, it is unclear how carbon allowances will be retailed in future years and therefore how future costs will be influenced.</p> <p>A publicly-available league table shows the relative position of the CRC-participating organisations according to the measures taken to monitor and manage their utility consumption and, in future years, their carbon-reduction performance. The Trust ranks in position 686 (out of 1301). It scored 1415 (about the median; the lowest being 402 and the highest being 2092). This reflects the good progress made particularly with Automatic Meter Reading (at minimal cost).</p>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<p>The Board is asked to :</p> <p>(i) <b>APPROVE</b> identified priority areas for each element during 2012/13</p> <p>(ii) <b>NOTE</b> the continued progress made against the Good Corporate Citizen agenda and carbon reduction and the Carbon Management Plan</p>

### Contribution to Inspection, Registration, Performance and Delivery

<b>Risks and Assurance</b>	The key risks are : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Failure to maintain progress – regular meetings and clear action plan mitigate this</li> <li>• The costs of carbon-allowance purchase under the Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) are likely to increase annually. The Trust must continue to pursue its carbon management obligations so as to minimise the financial costs.</li> </ul>
<b>Contribution to Key Performance Indicators</b>	This is an underpinning scheme
<b>Compliance with Clinical and other Governance Requirements</b>	Response to climate adaptation is now a requirement of the Statement of Internal control and the Annual Report

### Impact Assessment

<b>Quality</b>	An enhanced environment has direct links to patient wellbeing
<b>Financial</b>	Successful implementation should result in continued cost savings (CHP, Document production). There will be financial penalties as part of the Carbon Reduction Commitment Scheme for organisations who fail to manage their carbon emissions
<b>Workforce</b>	Recognises
<b>Legislation and Policy</b>	Climate Change Act Sustainable Development Unit Carbon Reduction Commitment
<b>Equality and Diversity</b>	Inclusion is a key element of GCC scheme
<b>Communication and Marketing</b>	Green Intranet page and regular green newsletter. Divisional champions

### Engagement and Decision-Making Process

Good Corporate Citizen group established, reporting to Management Executive and Board.
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