

# Healthy Futures

The Sustainable Development Commission's Healthy Futures programme helps the NHS and wider health sector explore how it can promote improved health and stronger, healthier and more sustainable communities. More information about the Sustainable Development Commission is available at [www.sd-commission.org.uk](http://www.sd-commission.org.uk).

## NHS Good Corporate Citizenship Assessment Model Case Studies:

**North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust** has an environmental group that brings together staff from a wide cross-section of the trust, along with representatives from two local councils and their main domestic waste contractor. Sub-groups, that will each be chaired by a director, are being developed to focus on energy, waste and water.

Measures taken so far have led to the following successes:

- Reduction of clinical waste by 26% between December 2005-November 2006, achieved by training staff over three months in waste segregation.
- A 13% recycling rate that is set to rise with the introduction of a 3 year target to increase recycling by 10% .
- An improved environment around the hospital, including an increase in planting plants and a recognition of the benefits the physical environment can have on health. The Trust recently received a Gold award for Tidy Business Charter.
- Use of low emission fluorescent tubes, which are then recycled.
- Replacement of large computer monitors with flat screen LCD, which represents a 20% saving in energy usage.

John Bushnall, Waste Manager and Health and Safety Advisor at the Trust has led on the use of the NHS Good Corporate Citizenship Assessment Model and found it, "...useful in terms of giving consistency throughout the organisation and providing a focal point for action. We will certainly continue to use the Model and are particularly keen to tackle procurement issues next."

In addition to the financial savings that have been made, John also reports improved staff morale, stating "There is an increased support for these kind of measures within the organisation - people are interested in actions and help to drive through changes."

## NHS Good Corporate Citizenship Assessment Model update:

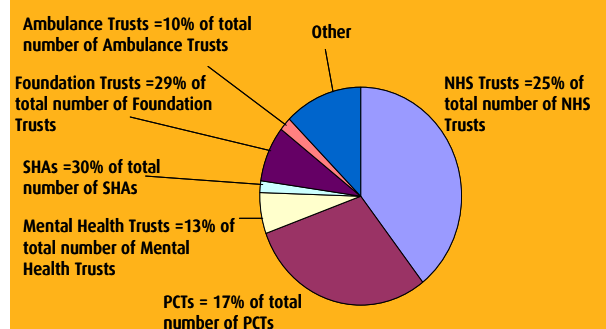
Since its launch in February 2006, the Model:

- Has received approximately 21,836 visitors;
- Has 320 registered users in total, of which 167 are NHS organisations. NHS organisations registered include:
  - 29% of Foundation Trusts
  - 25% of NHS Trusts;
  - 17% of Primary Care Trusts;
  - 13% of Mental Health Trusts;
  - 10% of Ambulance Trusts;
  - 30% of the new SHAs.

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## Assessment Model NHS user data by:

### Organisation



### Region

