

# 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:

**St Georges Healthcare NHS Trust** signed up to the model in 2002 and has put it to good use amongst a suite of other initiatives such as the Carbon Trust NHS Carbon Management programme, resulting in social economic and environmental benefits, felt both locally and as far afield as Guyana.

Back in 2002, recognising the inefficiencies in the energy system, the Trust sought advice from the Carbon Trust. Measures such as a boiler house automation system, refurbishment of the energy management system and various spend-to-save energy projects led to estimated annual savings of £157,000 and 2230 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>. More recently the Trust has taken part in the Carbon Trust NHS Carbon Management programme and subsequent energy saving initiatives are estimated to reduce its carbon footprint by a further 10% (3,422 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>) by 2012, delivering annual cost savings of £350,000.

In addition to these large scale energy saving measures, it has been recognised by the Trust that significant achievements can also be made through raising staff awareness and low or no cost options.

'Think Green' was launched in September 2006 to incorporate all Good Corporate Citizenship initiatives and has made huge achievements even within the first nine months. The Think Green team has implemented a Green Champion scheme, put in place water saving tools, run energy efficiency and recycling campaigns, arranged for disused equipment to be donated to hospitals in Guyana, and run catering initiatives encouraging use of organic food and decreased deliveries.

Since the launch it has recycled at least 45 tonnes of paper, plastics, glass and cans - roughly the weight of five and a half London double decker buses. Similar amounts of cardboard have been removed from the waste stream, such that the number of collections from the Trust's waste compactor has been reduced from seven to four times a week.

The Trust has also begun to focus on other areas of the model such as transport and procurement, developing a green travel plan and a car-sharing scheme and looking into the implementation of the Mayor's London Procurement Code.

## NHS Good Corporate Citizenship Assessment Model update:

Since its launch in February 2006, the Model:

- Has received approximately 22,705 hits and nearly 9000 unique visitors;
- Has 330 registered users in total, of which 165 are NHS organisations.

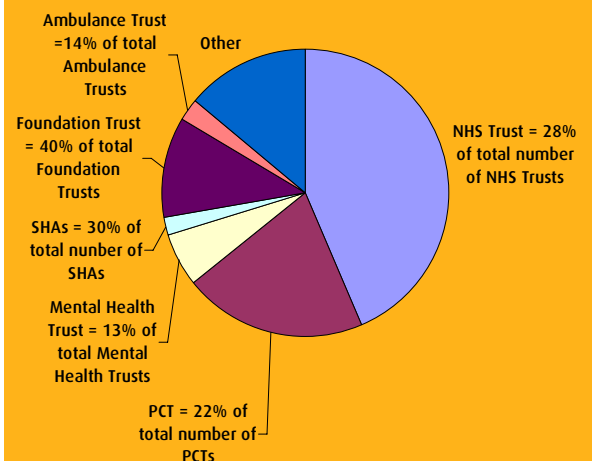
NHS organisations registered include:

- 40% of Foundation Trusts
- 28% of NHS Trusts;
- 22% of Primary Care Trusts;
- 13% of Ambulance Trusts;
- 14% of Mental Health Trusts;
- 30% of the new SHAs.

[www.corporatecitizen.nhs.uk](http://www.corporatecitizen.nhs.uk)

## Assessment Model NHS user data by:

### Organisation type



### Region

