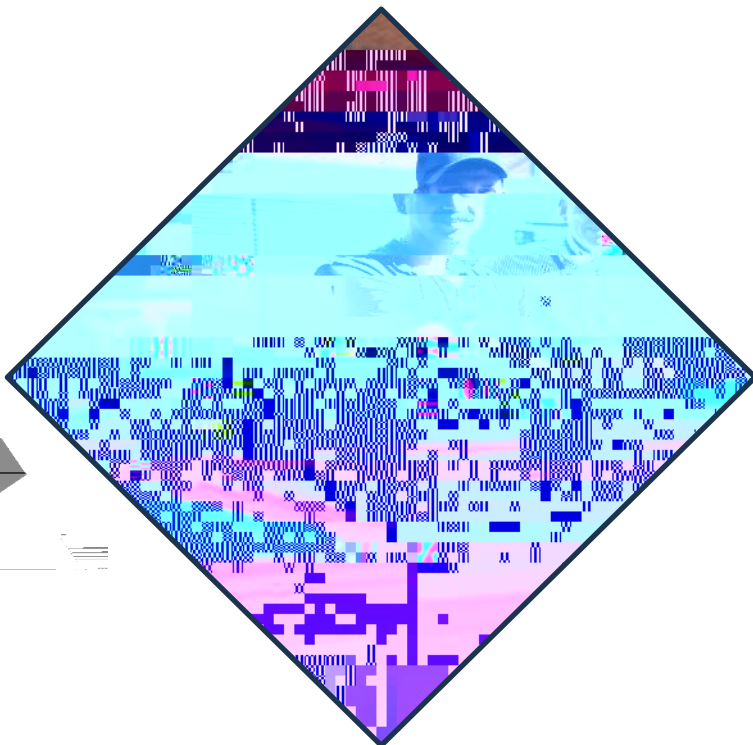




# Sustainability Annual Report 2024





# 1. Executive Summary

The progression to carbon net zero through the development of our Green Plan does not aim to capture the full scope of the sustainability agenda, which would also extend to include biodiversity and the promotion and utilisation of green spaces to support health and wellbeing. Our Green Plan does not consider offsetting; but instead, focuses on efforts to tangibly reduce carbon emissions.

### 3. Carbon Footprint

We are mirroring the Greener NHS carbon and carbon footprint plus published in their Delivering a Net Zero NHS Strategy. The sources of carbon included under those definitions are shown in figure 1.

We are working towards measuring these emissions and will set interim targets for reduction to track progress towards the target of Net Zero by 2040 for the NHS Carbon Footprint.

The latest reported carbon footprint is for the period 2023-2024. (See Table 1.)

The 2024-2025 footprint is being actively reported on.



Figure 1. Greenhouse Gas Protocol scopes in the context of the NHS

#### 3.1 2023-2024 carbon footprint

**10,538** tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO<sub>2</sub>e). A 10% reduction on 22/23.

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Table 1. SFT carbon footprint by scopes

footprint (table 1) has been calculated using the conversion factors provide for use by UK and internal organisations to report on greenhouse gas emissions. With data taken from the following sources:

- < Annual Estates Returns Information Collection.
- < Greener NHS Dashboard updated through quarterly returns.
- < Greener NHS Fleet annual return.

*Figure*

Gas, electricity, oil, and fleet emissions were reported as annual totals using data from the Estates Return Information Collection. Refrigerant gases and anaesthetic gases were reported monthly. The 24/25 footprint onwards reports all emissions on a quarterly basis.

Energy is the highest contributor to our direct emissions with gas emissions accounting for 65%, a 2% increase on 22/23.

While there is not any 'completed' progress for the Sustainable Models of Care chapter, there are plans for future development. This chapter is a complex and multifaceted area that requires longer term changes in the organisation and the delivery of healthcare. Addressing these challenges takes time, effort, and a coordinated approach among all stakeholders.

#### 4.1 Workforce/system leadership

## 4.2 Sustainable Models of Care

Adapting care pathways to improve patient outcomes whilst reducing resource use and carbon emissions.

◁ The number of non-face to face appointments and virtual appointments during 2024 (where clinically appropriate) shows that an average of 21% of patients received an Outpatient



## 4.4 Travel and transport







## 4.9 Climate Adaptation

Making sure our buildings and services are prepared for the impacts of extreme heat or flooding events.

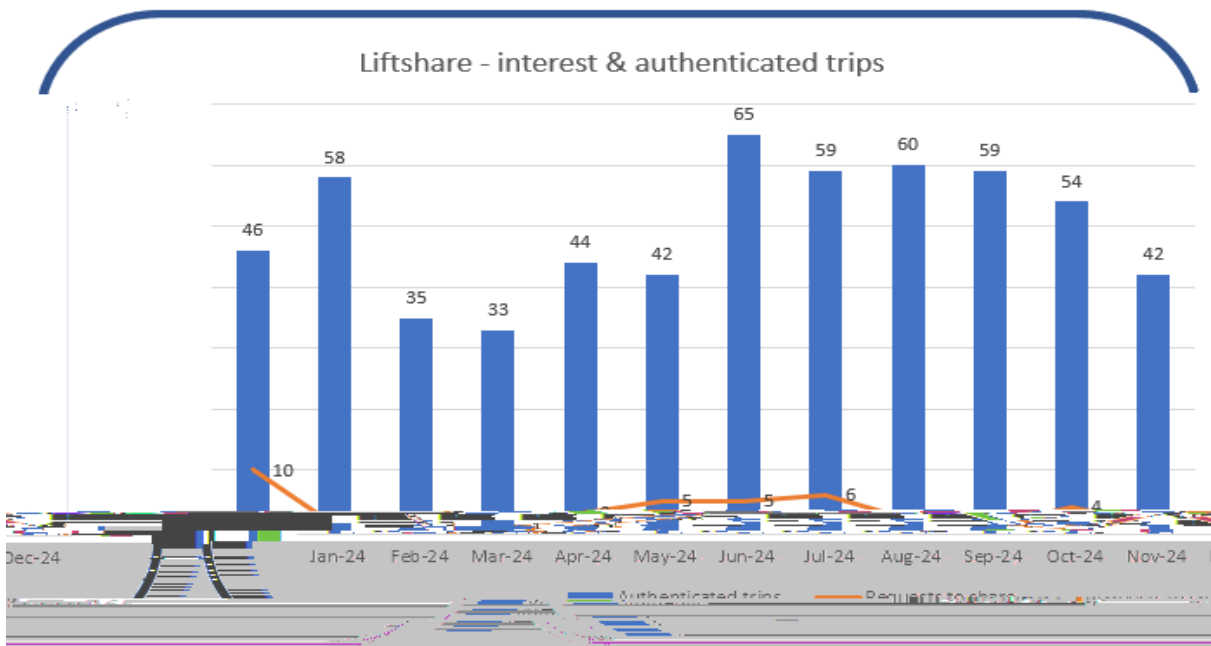
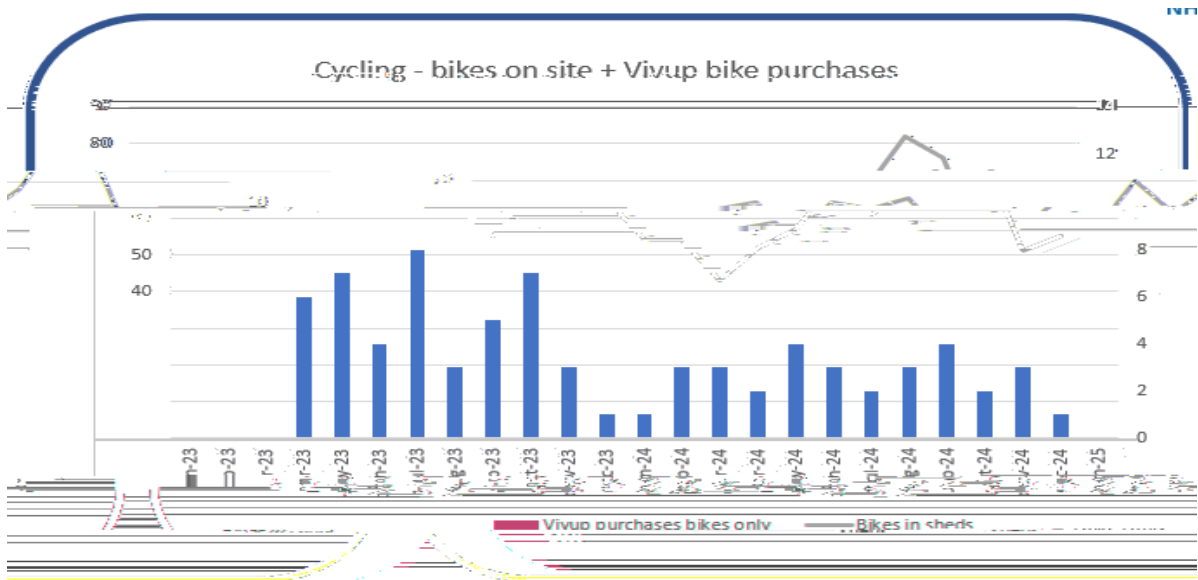
- ◁ During the year we appointed an external consultant, Sustainability West Midlands, to produce a BSW Hospitals Group Adaptation Plan. The work commenced with an online workshop, kindly opened by Cara Charles-Barks, Chief Executive of the BSW Hospitals Group, involving internal and external stakeholders from NHS and local authority partners to input and share their experiences of climate change and resilience. This work is due to be completed by March 2025, delivering a Climate Risk Assessment for each Trust and a shared Adaptation Plan, including ICS consideration.

## 4.10 Other Achievements

- ◁ Achieved Highly Commended through the Salisbury Business Excellence Awards.
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# Appendix 1. Travel & Transport dashboard







## Appendix 2. Salix Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) 3B Decarbonisation Project Completion Phase

- ◁ All fabric works completed at Leisure Centre and Spinal Unit including roof, window, and wall insulation upgrades.
- ◁ All solar photovoltaic installations completed and generating on 9 no. buildings including the Elizabeth Building, SDH North and block 91 (see aerial photo).
- ◁ All LED lighting installed, more than 1000 fittings changed in SDH North, Leisure Centre, Wessex Rehab and Neonatal.
- ◁ All 7-no. air source heat pumps and associated plant is installed and currently being commissioned and connected to the Trust power supply. Due to become operational summer 2025 as primary heat source for SDH North and Spinal Unit with gas becoming secondary.

