

GREENER PRIMARY CARE (GrPC)

An environmental sustainability framework & award scheme aligned to the NHS Wales Decarbonisation Strategic Delivery Plan



GrPC outcome 1

A carbon neutral public sector in Wales by 2030 and private sector by 2050.



GrPC outcome 2

Increased awareness & action by primary care stakeholders including clinicians, the wider multidisciplinary team and patients in responding to the climate emergency



GrPC outcome 3

Effective & long-lasting partnership working



GrPC outcome 4

Development of an effective scheme, with relevant, feasible and appropriate long-term actions that can be delivered by primary care in Wales



GrPC outcome 5

Uptake of the scheme at individual practice level & collaborative / cluster level

How will GrPC deliver these outcomes?

Staged deliverables comprise:

- Phase 1- Initial scoping to determine draft actions within the pan-contractor framework. Develop the assessment and award process.
- Phase 2- Establish an Expert Group which representing a range of stakeholders. Refine the framework based on feedback from the Expert Group.
- Phase 3 – Commission SOS-UK to develop the online platform and process for auditing submitted evidence.
- Phase 4 – Pilot the framework, evaluate its use, and further develop for national roll-out.
- Phase 5 – Develop [webpages](#) to facilitate information sharing.
- Phase 6 – Communications and awareness raising across the four independent primary care contractors.
- Phase 7 – Publish and launch the scheme nationally.
- Phase 8 – Review scheme for actions at collaborative, cluster and health board level.
- Phase 9 – Ongoing review and development of framework in collaboration with Expert Group.

Why is a GPC framework needed?

In April 2019 the Senedd was the first parliament in the world to declare a climate emergency. To lead the way on climate action in Wales, the Welsh Government has committed to achieving a carbon neutral public sector by 2030. The recently published *NHS Wales Decarbonisation Strategic Delivery Plan* is the vehicle for achieving this aim within the NHS.

There is an appetite for this work within primary care contractors in Wales and many have proactively engaged with the agenda. There is support for a co-produced and co-ordinated effort to work with primary care to take steps to tackle climate change.

We have identified a need for an environmental sustainability framework and award scheme relevant to all primary care contractors and based on a collaborative/ cluster footprint bespoke to the Welsh context. Although there are UK toolkits some actions reference English-only schemes that are not available in Wales.

The work aligns to national policy including the *Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015* as well as the *UN Sustainable Development Goals*.

