

### ***Why is the project 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. The Welsh Government has also stated its ambition for net zero greenhouse gas emissions for all sectors by 2050.

The RCGP Green Impact for Health toolkit was designed in 2014 for GPs. Although much of the content is generic, some actions reference English only schemes that are not available in Wales. A similar toolkit is also available for dental practices.

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. The work aligns to national policy including the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

### ***What is the scope of the project?***

- A bespoke environmental sustainability framework and award scheme aligned to the NHS Wales Decarbonisation Strategic Deliver Plan which cross-references actions within the existing RCGP Green Impact for Health toolkit and references the relevant Well-being of Future Generations goals and UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- A pilot will be used to test the feasibility of the draft framework.
- Once evaluated, the framework will initially be a tool for primary care independent contractors to use within their individual practices (general practice, community pharmacy, dentistry, optometry).
- In the longer-term the scheme will be reviewed and developed further to allow actions to be taken at a collaborative, cluster and health board level.
- The scheme will involve collaboration with key partners and professional bodies in Wales in its development through the establishment of an Expert Group.

### ***Who will be delivering the project?***

Public Health Lead: Angharad Wooldridge/ Victoria Hannah

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Project team: Tracey Lucas and Nicholas Gregory

Commissioned work: SOS-UK charity or equivalent partner TBC

### ***Key deliverables***

Staged deliverables include:

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 represents the breadth of primary care. Refine the framework based on feedback from the Expert Group.

Phase 3 – Commission SOS-UK to develop the online platform and audit the submitted evidence annually.

Phase 4 – Pilot the framework, evaluate its use, and further develop for national roll-out.

Phase 5 – Communications and awareness raising across the 4 independent primary care contractors.

Phase 6 – Publish and launch the scheme nationally.

Phase 7 – Review scheme for actions at collaborative, cluster and health board level.

Phase 8 – Ongoing review and development of framework in collaboration with Expert Group.

### ***Outcome/Success criteria:***

1. A carbon neutral primary care in Wales by 2030.
2. Increased action and awareness by primary care stakeholders, policy leads and contractors in responding to the climate emergency working towards carbon neutral and sustainable services.
3. Effective and long lasting partnership working.
4. Development of an effective scheme, with relevant long term actions that can be delivered by primary care in Wales.
5. Uptake of the scheme at individual practice level and collaborative/cluster level.

### ***When will the project be delivered?***

Phase 1 - Q2, 2021; Phase 2 – Q2 and Q3, 2021; Phase 3 – Q3, 2021; Phase 4– Q4, 2022; Phase 5 – Q4, 2022; Phase 6 – Q1, 2022; Phase 7 and 8 - TBC

### ***Risks***

- Covid 19 may detract resources; engagement from stakeholders not tested; timing may mean this opportunity is missed and delivered elsewhere; emergent OCP may affect internal PHW capacity.