# Sligo University Hospital Green Charter

Sligo University Hospital is committed in line with national HSE policy to a sustainable healthcare system, which delivers high quality care and improved public health without exhausting natural resources or causing severe ecological damage. It is committed to balancing environmental, social and physical aspects focussing on three elements:

* Greening the Hospital Campus
* Sustainable Healthcare System
* Sustainable Health and Well Being

SUH will be guided by the principles of An Taisce Green Campus while working towards the HSE’s objective to achieving net zero emissions by 2050, as outlined in its Climate Action Strategy 2023-2050 and Decarbonisation road map.

It is envisaged that energy and waste levels will increase to a degree over the years in light of increases in activity and planned capital projects; however, the hospital in conjunction with HSE Estates, will strive to ensure the hospital is cognisant of the need to operate efficiently and effectively to achieve its emissions target.

The SUH green campus committee and HSE estates will be responsible for implementing the green campus programme and HSEs’ decarbonisation roadmap. It will do this by undertaking baseline audits and environmental reviews relating to five themes namely Waste, Energy, Water, Transport and Biodiversity.

From baseline data, actions identified will be added to a register of opportunities which will be reviewed for implementation as part of Green Campus Committee meetings. HSE estates are responsible for the undertaking of all energy related infrastructural projects.

The SUH Environmental and Waste Management Co-ordinator is responsible for the co-ordination of the Green Campus programme themes of Waste, Biodiversity and Transport while the HSE Estates local energy officer is responsible for co-ordinating the themes of Energy and Water.

Funding for Green initiatives is provided through the HSE Climate Action and Sustainability office and through HSE capital funding and SEAI grants for energy related projects.

Through initiatives identified and listed on register of opportunities we will improve energy efficiency, reduce water and food waste, increase recycling, promote the re-use of materials, improve waste segregation and disposal, promote sustainable transport practices and protect and enhance our green spaces.

We will educate our staff through training, awareness campaigns and through the hosting of awareness days. We will promote and share our work externally through case studies, network meetings and through Saolta communication mediums and will collaborate with external bodies and organisations to extend the Green Campus principles into the wider community.

Initiatives will be continuously monitored, measured and reviewed through the Green Campus committee. This continuous monitoring will ensure the sustainability of initiatives while identifying further opportunities for improvement.

The actions and thrust of this charter is the responsibility of management, staff, patients and visitors to the hospital.

# How to get involved

The Green Campus Committee welcomes individuals with an interest in improving the sustainability at Sligo University Hospital to join the Green Campus Committee. Please email Georgina Kilcoyne, Assistant General Manager on [georgina.kilcoyne1@hse.ie](mailto:georgina.kilcoyne1@hse.ie) or Martin Casserly, Environmental & Waste Management Co-ordinator on [martin.casserly@hse.ie](mailto:martin.casserly@hse.ie) if you are interested in joining