# NHS Golden Jubilee

### **Meeting: NHS Golden Jubilee Board**

### **Meeting date: 27 November 2025**

### **Title: Public Bodies Climate Change Duties Report 2024/25**

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## 1 Purpose

This is presented to NHS Golden Jubilee Board for:

### Awareness

### This report relates to a:

### Annual Operation Plan

### Government policy/directive

### NHS Board Strategy

### This aligns to the following NHSScotland quality ambition(s):

### Safe

### Effective

### Person Centred

**This aligns to the following NHSGJ Corporate Objectives:**

### Leadership, Strategy and Risk

### High Performing Organisation

### Facilities Expansion and Use

### Centre For Sustainable Delivery

## 2 Report summary

## 2.1 Situation

This paper seeks Climate Change and Sustainability Steering Group approval of the NHS Golden Jubilee Public Bodies Climate Change Duties Report 2024/25.

## 2.2 Background

Scotland’s climate change legislation sets a target date for net zero emissions of all greenhouse gases by 2045. Public sector bodies play a key role in meeting this target and have statutory climate change duties under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 to:

* Cut greenhouse gas emissions;
* Prepare for the impacts of climate change; and
* Act sustainably.

It is a mandatory requirement for all public sector bodies to submit a report annually by the end of November after the reporting year.

## 2.3 Assessment

Introduction of a new Greenspace and Biodiversity Sub Group to support the Climate Change and Sustainability Strategic Group.

Carbon emissions have increased by 10.27% between 2023/24 and 2024/25. Highest increase in emission from:

* Non-medical F-gas due to leakage from existing refrigerant plant
* Medical gases due to increased procedures within the new surgical centre
* Business travel due to increased activities requiring travel beyond our site
* Building energy due to the opening of the new surgical centre

Areas such as meter dose inhaler, fleet, waste and water saw a positive reduction in carbon emissions.

The report also expanded on capturing more scope 3 emissions with the addition of staff commuting and supplier emissions.

### 2.3.1 Quality/ Patient Care

Delivery of the Climate Change and Sustainability work plans will support effective patient care.

### 2.3.2 Workforce

NHS GJ staff are engaged across a variety of the work plans.

### 2.3.3 Financial

Delivery of the Climate Change and Sustainability work plans will reduce spend on energy use and waste management.

### 2.3.4 Risk Assessment/Management

Delivery risks are assessed within the overall Programme governance.

### 2.3.5 Equality and Diversity, including health inequalities

An impact assessment has not been completed because this report has no direct impact on patient care.

### 2.3.6 Climate Emergency and Sustainability

This report describes our actions to meet Climate Emergency and Sustainability priorities.

### Communication, involvement, engagement and consultation

The Board has carried out its duties to involve and engage external stakeholders where appropriate.

### Route to the Meeting

This has been previously considered by the following groups as part of its development. The groups have either supported the content, or their feedback has informed the development of the content presented in this report.

• Energy and Waste Conservation Sub Group – 22 October 2025

* Climate Change and Sustainability Group – 31 October 2025
* Finance and Performance Committee – 13 November 2025

## 2.4 Recommendation

**Awareness**– Members are asked to note the Public Bodies Climate Change Duties Report 2024/25.

## List of appendices

The following appendices are included with this report:

* Appendix – Public Bodies Climate Change Duties Report 2024/25