

NHS netzero



**Lancashire and
South Cumbria**
Health and Care Partnership

GREEN CHAMPIONS
in Lancashire and
South Cumbria NHS
ROLE DESCRIPTION



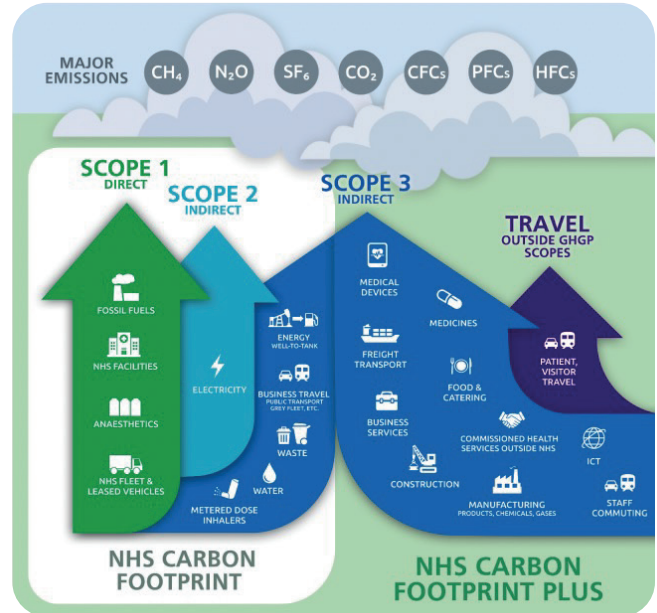
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Background

In October 2020, the NHS became the world's first health service to commit to reaching carbon net zero, in response to the profound and growing threat to health posed by climate change.

The ["Delivering a Net Zero Health Service"](#) report sets out a clear ambition and two evidence-based targets.

- For the emissions we control directly (the NHS Carbon Footprint), we will reach net zero by 2040
- For the emissions we can influence (our NHS Carbon Footprint Plus), we will reach net zero by 2045



1. PURPOSE OF THE GREEN CHAMPION ROLE

Green Champions have a passion for sustainability and want to help the NHS achieve Net Zero carbon emissions by 2040.

Champions know their practice, team and patients and so are well placed to know what will work best and can pick out resources that fit their local environments.

Green Champions will 'lead by example' they will:

- encourage colleagues to be sustainable,
- contribute ideas, suggestions, and initiatives to improve sustainability
- support the practice to understand its environmental impact
- support the practice to reduce its environmental impact
- work collaboratively with a network of champions



2. MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

A Promote sustainability

Green Champions will promote sustainability, encouraging effective resource use and lead by example to help colleagues do the same.

They will encourage colleagues to follow sound environmental practices e.g., using recycling facilities, exploring opportunities to reduce their carbon footprint when commuting, reducing overall energy consumption, and adopting clinical and work practices which reduce the burden on the climate.

B Communicate and educate – spread the word

Champions will help to inform colleagues and patients within the practice about the impact of the climate emergency on human population health and promote ways that people can be more sustainable both at work and at home.

Champions will spread messages about sustainability and carbon reduction initiatives helping colleagues and patients to understand what they can do to help.

C Championing changes

Green Champions will work with their colleagues in implementing sustainability improvement initiatives, encouraging colleagues to take positive actions, monitoring and then reporting on the success of their projects.

Champions will help the practice understand its carbon footprint and support the creation of an action plan to deliver the changes/ Actions can be big or small, as all sustainable activities will help reduce the practice's environmental impact.

D Report progress – share your success

Champions are asked to share their sustainability successes within the practice and by submitting their action plan and updates.

E Work collaboratively

Champions will be part of a network – like-minded people in other practices – this provides the opportunity to share what works for you and find out what works for others. Strong collaboration will make your role as champion easier.



3. WHO SHOULD BE A CHAMPION?

Anybody who is interested and passionate about sustainability.

We only ask that you are:

- enthusiastic about sustainability and the environment
- have the support of your line manager
- able and willing to attend the Green Champion programme.

4. TIME COMMITMENT

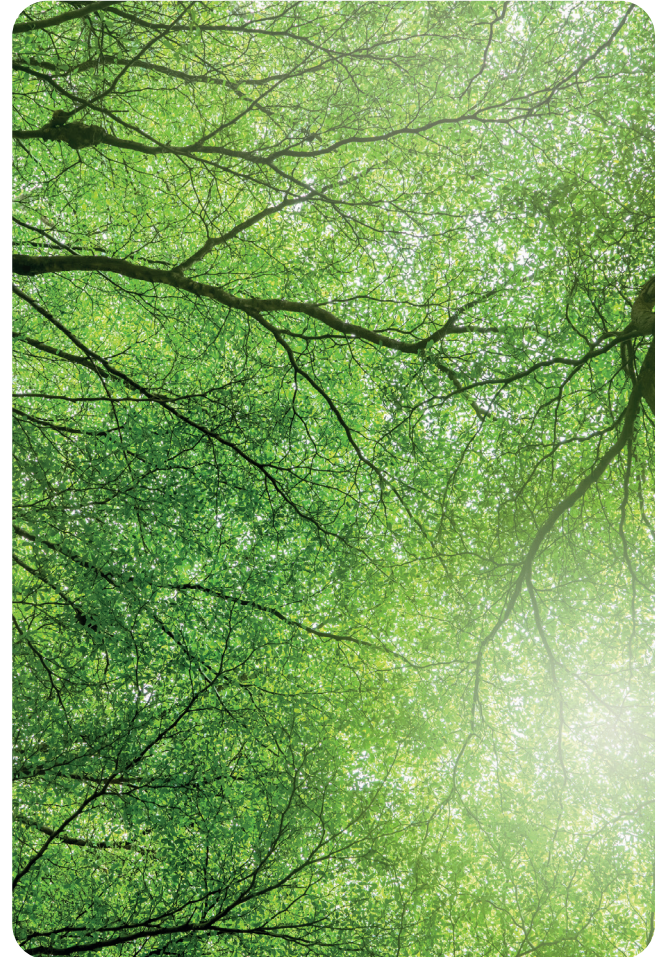
We expect the time commitment required for this role is anticipated to be around 30 – 60 minutes a week however this does not have to be every week and is flexible.

Training will be on-line. Meeting and/or workshops will take place every two months.

5. CHAMPION BENEFITS

For the individual:

- Influence and drive the change you wish to see
- Contribute to a sustainable future
- Take part in community actions
- Be part of a network – working with others with similar interests and goals
- Improve your skills in leadership, project management, communication and teamwork



For the practice

- Potential for financial savings
- Reduced resource use
- Motivated and engaged staff who have a name sustainability lead to channel ideas to
- Enhanced reputation and recognition
- Helping NHS achieve the Net Zero by 2040 carbon emission target