

**ISLE OF WIGHT NHS TRUST**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT POLICY**  
**STATEMENT OF INTENT**

The Isle of Wight NHS Trust employs about 3,000 staff and provides a wide range of health related services to a population of approximately 140,000 on the Isle of Wight.

The Trust recognises that virtually all its activities impact on the natural environment at a local or global level. The Trust accepts its moral and corporate responsibility to reduce those impacts.

The Trust is committed to improve its overall environmental performance as part of a continual improvement process.

To this extent, it is the Trust policy to:

1. Comply with all applicable environmental legislation and other environmental requirements to which it subscribes, as well as to adhere to industry best practice when possible.
2. Manage its activities in a way which prevents and minimises environmental pollution to air, land and water, both at a local and global level.
3. Embed environmental considerations and sustainable development principles from an early stage in the preparation and formulation of its corporate contracts, strategies, policies, plans and procedures.
4. Raise awareness and engage with its stakeholders, including employees, patients, visitors, contractors, suppliers and corporate partners, on the importance of environmental issues and sustainability.
5. Provide environmental training to staff and contractors, when appropriate, to optimise their contribution and involvement in reducing the Trust environmental impacts.
6. Develop and maintain a Sustainable Development Management Plan, to include objectives, targets and related action plans.
7. Make this policy available to all stakeholders, and communicate progress on its environmental performance.



Signed

Date September 2013

Chief Executive

