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| <b>Organisation</b>  | The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust   |
| <b>Category</b>  | Food  |
| <b>Please detail your project below</b>  | <p>Over the past year the Trust has focused on ensuring that the food we supply to our restaurant and café areas are from regional and sustainable suppliers. For example we source all our eggs, bread, milk, sandwiches, bottle water and cakes for our hospital cafes and restaurants from local suppliers. Not only does this approach to food suppliers support local businesses in the region but also keeps our ‘food miles’ down. We have also design signage for our restaurant and café areas informing staff, patients and visitors about our approach to sustainability for food (please see attached as an example of one of our signs)</p> <p>The disposal of food waste has also been addressed at both our hospital sites. At our Princess Royal Hospital we have recently installed food waste digesters and these have replaced the old system where by large amounts of hot water were used to flush macerated food waste down the sewers. The majority of food waste is water which can be safely returned to the water treatment plants, meaning the water is not lost to landfill or incineration. An additional benefit of the new food waste digesters is that they no longer get blockages in our drains caused by congealed fat.</p> <p>At the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital our food waste is collected and sent to a local anaerobic digestion plant which produces gas that is then used to heat and produce electric for the local university campus.</p> |
| <b>How has your project improved sustainable development within your organisation or community setting?</b>    | This project has improved sustainable development within our organisation, and has put a focus on ensuring that we purchase from responsible and sustainable suppliers. We have also worked to ensure that we dispose of our food waste in a responsibly.   |
| <b>What role does sustainable development play within patient and staff services within your organisation?</b> | Staff are working across the Trust to deliver better outcomes for our patients and local communities by reflecting our sustainable development principles. By working collectively with our patients and local communities we endeavour to improve our environment, patient experience and ensure our staff and patients are well informed and engaged with sustainability.   |
| <b>Who has led the way on sustainable development within your organisation?</b>                                | The Trust has a lead director for sustainability (Director of Corporate Governance) and sustainable development is one of the Trust a corporate objectives of 2014/15. In March 2014 the Trust Board approved the Sustainable Development Management Plan and action plan which underpins our work around Sustainable Development.  |
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