



<b>Organisation</b>	Isle of Wight NHS Trust
<b>Category</b>	Waste
<b>Please detail your project below</b>	<p>Recycling in Healthcare</p> <p>A year ago the Trust introduced new recycling bins in the main public areas of the hospital (Supporting Material page 7). Since then the hospital has caught the recycling bug, as facilities for the segregation of co-mingled paper, plastic bottles, cans and glass have now been introduced in most clinical and office areas throughout the Trust's estate.</p> <p>Infection Control being an absolute priority in a hospital setting, the bins selected for wards and patient areas have pedal operated lids and an anti-bacterial coated body.</p> <p>In September 2014 a Trust wide office recycling scheme was officially launched. This included the introduction of 'Waste stations' (Mixed recycling/residual waste) in office areas and the removal of under desk bins. By aligning our co-mingled recycling scheme with the Council one, staff can automatically adopt the good segregation habits they are familiar with at home.</p> <p>A range of communication tools is used to encourage staff to prevent, re-use and recycle waste. This includes a bespoke training module on the Trust's intranet, a range of posters, road shows, competitions, and most importantly regular ward/department visits. Feedback from staff has been fantastic, and relayed pride in being part of an organisation that puts sustainability at the centre of its operations. Our Office Recycling roadshow in 2014 was particularly popular. Biffa waste services kindly provided prizes which were given away in our 'Guess how many batteries?' competition. We also run regular features in our weekly staff bulletin and Staff News. One of our Staff News cover story praised a member of our cleanliness team for her recycling efforts (Please see Supporting Material page 2 to 5).</p>
<b>How has your project improved sustainable development within your organisation or community setting?</b>	<p>Thanks partly to office recycling our domestic waste recycling rate rose from 18% in 2013-14 to 40% this year (ERIC data). Most notably, front-line staff have taken a genuine interest in the topic and become the main motor for change. The success of our efforts on Waste management has seen the Trust's Waste management Group expand its scope to include Environmental Management and already a new project is under way with an energy awareness campaign titled Switch It Off about to be launched.</p>
<b>What role does sustainable development play within patient and staff services within your organisation?</b>	<p>The Isle of Wight NHS Trust is committed to providing high quality healthcare services in an environmentally sustainable manner. Our goal is to reduce our carbon footprint, improve our energy efficiency, cut our water consumption, and minimise the impact caused by the waste that we generate. We are continuously reviewing our practices to improve our sustainability performance, as part of our ongoing responsibility to our patients, the community and the wider environment.</p>
<b>Who has led the way on sustainable development</b>	<p>The Waste Management Group, which has now been relaunched as the Environmental &amp; Waste Management Group. The group operates under the leadership of the Environmental &amp;</p>

