Humber NHS Foundation Trust - Creating a re-use culture

Overview of the Project

The Trust installed WARP-IT in February 2017. We had a throw away mentality and more and more was going to waste, this was a real concern for many around the trust but there wasn’t a way of resolving the issue directly. After clearing a hospital site we reused 15 Huntleigh Enterprise 8000 beds (these would have been potentially skipped) from one hospital and moved them to another, this removed a risk from the current bed rails at site and saved the trust well over £30k.

After this project it was decided we needed a better way to monitor reuse, we used WARP-IT! This helped us monitor our reuse while clearing sites throughout the estate and started our journey.

Economic, Health and Carbon Impact of the project

The system has had a huge impact on the Trust. We have managed to save over £90k in year 1 beating our projected target of £21k, we have also saved 40'223 kgs/c02e from the atmosphere.

Having the system in place has helped front line mental health care get essential equipment to run their service (WARP-IT) which has helped the staff involved invest in staff and not take vital budget away from the service for furniture and fittings. The social value from this is priceless to the organisation and changed the way staff think and we work, staff do not think buy new anymore they think WARP-IT.

Partners, supporters involved in the Project

There have been many supporters for reuse (WARP-IT) throughout the organisation. We have the Board of governors, The Board of directors and our CEO and Chair of the board. They have all been huge advocates of reuse and instilling the message of reuse within the organisation.

The staff have also championed reuse through using the system and telling each other the benefits of using it. We have a very supportive account manager/owner who I deal with at WARP-IT which has helped when needed and supported us through our journey in to reuse.

Future plans for the project
The Plan for the future is to keep promoting the reuse and recycle mentality across the organisation. We are also keen to start monitoring what we send to our current charity (Jacobs well) so I am pushing for them to get linked up to the portal. We would like all staff to use the system from their offices reducing the need for central storage of equipment.

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