

IHPN member comms plan – Net zero climate change commitment

Draft release for members to use for local/trade press:

Xxxx joins industry-wide pledge to achieve net zero emissions by 2035

Xxxx has joined almost 50 providers across the independent healthcare sector in England in signing up to an ambitious industry-wide pledge to achieve net zero emissions by 2035.

Brokered by the Independent Healthcare Providers Network (IHPN) and launched to coincide with the COP26 Climate Change Conference in November 2021, xxxx has joined over 45 independent healthcare providers, who have now signed up to the pledge, with more in the process of doing so.

Xxxx, which employs over xxx people and delivers care to xxx patients every year – is committed to playing their role in tackling the climate change emergency. And as a sector which employs over 160,000 people and delivers care for millions of people every year, this commitment from independent healthcare providers builds on the NHS' own target to achieve net zero by 2040.

To help support independent providers achieve this pan-industry climate change commitment, IHPN will continue to bring members together through its Climate Change group to share knowledge and best practice on how to reduce emissions across their organisations, coordinating practical ways of reaching net zero across the industry.

David Hare, Chief Executive of the Independent Healthcare Providers Network (IHPN), said:

“With growing evidence of the health impacts of climate change and air pollution, it is vital that all parts of society play their part in tackling this global emergency.

“Following the UK hosting the COP26 Climate Change Conference in November 2021, I’m delighted that IHPN could play our role on this important agenda and bring together independent providers from across the country to commit to net zero by 2035.

“The independent health sector has rightly set an ambitious target to achieve net zero by 2035 and in the coming months and years IHPN will continue to support our members and share best practice – helping to play our part in making the UK a world leader in tackling climate change.”

Dr Nick Watts, NHS Chief Sustainability Officer, said:

“It’s fantastic to see independent healthcare providers aligning with the Net Zero Supplier Roadmap and the NHS target to be net zero carbon by 2045. Following COP26 we need to demonstrate that collective action and commitment will help to deliver net zero.”

Suggested tweets/LinkedIn posts:

“We’re proud to be playing our role in tackling the climate change emergency.

Today we’ve joined forces with providers across the independent healthcare sector in committing to @indhealthpn new pledge to achieve net zero by 2035”

Notes to editors:

- IHPN’s voluntary industry-wide pledge, signed up to by over 45 providers, is to achieve “Net zero for scope 1 and 2 by 2035 and Net zero for supply chain by 2045.”
- Greenhouse Gas Protocol (GHGP) scope 1 is defined as: Direct emissions from owned or directly controlled sources, on site; GHGP scope 2: Indirect emissions from the generation of purchased energy, mostly electricity; GHGP scope 3: All other indirect emissions that occur in producing and transporting goods and services, including the full supply chain.
- In October 2020, the NHS adopted a multiyear plan to become the world’s first carbon net zero national health system with a commitment to ensure providers in the NHS supply chain to become net zero by 2045.
- The Cabinet Office has also announced the introduction of a new selection criteria for major government contracts to support the Government’s commitment to net zero by 2050.

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