

Simply Teeth Dental Practice  
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Background	<p>In 2007 the Department of Health published 'Delivering Sustainable Development - the DH Action Plan for 2007/08'. The document sets targets for the NHS as a whole. Newham PCT must play its part in the delivery of sustainable development and this policy states the principles upon which our commitment is based.</p>
Statement	<p>Simply Teeth acknowledges that its activities may have a potential impact on the environment. Our Clinic will ensure that effective environmental management and sustainable development becomes an integral part of our Clinic's commissioning and provision activities.</p>
Responsibilities	<p>The managers are responsible for ensuring our Clinic undertakes sustainable developments and monitors and reduces, where possible, its environmental impact.</p> <p>All staff need to comply with Trust environmental procedures and to minimise the impact of their work on the environment.</p>
Training	<p>Staff will be made aware of environmental issues and procedures during mandatory training</p>
Dissemination	<p>Website Via Postmaster Email</p>
Resource implication	<p>The Environmental Policy may provide better use of resources e.g. low energy lighting. However some recycling may require additional funding.</p>

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In 2005 the UK Government published a sustainable development strategy called 'Securing the Future'. This document identified 4 priorities, namely:
  - 1.1.1 Sustainable consumption and production
  - 1.1.2 Climate change
  - 1.1.3 Natural resource protection
  - 1.1.4 Sustainable communities.
- 1.2 In 2007 the Department of Health published 'Delivering Sustainable Development - the DH Action Plan for 2007/08'. The document sets targets for the NHS as a whole. Newham PCT must play its part in the delivery of sustainable development and this policy states the principles upon which our commitment is based.
- 1.3 In 2007 the PCT signed the Nottingham Declaration on Climate change.

#### 2. AIM

- 2.1 Simply Teeth Dental Clinic acknowledges that its activities may have a potential impact on the environment. Our Clinic will ensure that effective environmental management and sustainable development becomes an integral part of our Clinic's commissioning and provision activities.

#### 3. KEY OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 Ensure compliance with all environmental legislative responsibilities.
- 3.2 Minimise consumption of resources by the adoption of 'reduce, recycle and re-use'.
- 3.3 Make sustainability a key element of all new developments.
- 3.4 Minimise the production of waste and ensure all disposal, including recycling, use safe and cost effective methods.
- 3.5 Increase environmental awareness within all staff PCT groups through a programme of education and information.

- 3.6 Establish an effective environmental management system and make maximum use of the NHS Environment Assessment Tool (NEAT)
- 3.7 Include plans to minimise the impact of environmental incidents within the Major Incident Plan.
- 3.8 Monitor and promote the efficient use of transport, energy and water resources. Where appropriate, invest in energy saving schemes.
- 3.9 Wherever possible select suppliers and contractors who are committed to environment issues and use environmental management systems.
- 3.10 Use ethical and local suppliers whenever possible
- 3.11 Develop an Environmental Strategy with associated action plans

#### 4. RESPONSIBILITIES.

- 4.1 The Clinic Management team are responsible for ensuring our Clinic undertakes sustainable developments and monitors and reduces, where possible, its environmental impact. The day to day environmental management is delegated through the Director of Workforce, Organisational Development and Estates to the Head of Estates and Support Services.
- 4.2 All our staff are to comply with Trust environmental procedures and to minimise the impact of their work on the environment.

#### 5. TRAINING.

- 5.1 Staff will be made aware of environmental issues and procedures during mandatory training

#### 6. MONITORING.

- 6.1 Our Clinic will use the NHS Environmental Assessment Tools to monitor its performance and will develop action plans to address areas of concern. The annual NEAT report will be reviewed by the Health and Safety Committee.