

Greener NHS

Greener NHS is working with NHS trusts to promote a healthcare approach that minimises negative impacts on public health and the environment and builds a more sustainable approach for the future.

Many of the case studies listed on the Greener NHS website could inspire learners to choose titles exploring sustainable development within healthcare sectors. Take a look at the cases studied here: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/greenernhs/>

Learners can be invited to review the case studies then devise their own (real or imaginary) brief for an Artefact EPQ involving creative design to address a sustainable development challenge, such as designing or building a drone to meet a medical transport need, producing a photography exhibition to illustrate the work of Greener NHS in a local healthcare region or creating materials for a campaign to promote greener transport to and from healthcare settings.

Performance EPQs could involve the creation of documentary videos showcasing Greener NHS initiatives and the drive towards carbon zero.

EPQ Dissertations could analyse the arguments linking environmental concerns with public health and evaluating the most promising pathways for progress.

An Investigation / Field study EPQ could gather data on the reduction in single use plastics across different NHS trusts and analyse patterns and trends to draw conclusions about the most promising approaches towards reduced usage.