

# Global Green and Healthy Hospitals (GGHH)

## Summary Document



The Global Green and Healthy Hospitals (<http://bit.ly/GGHPacific>) network is a worldwide network of hospitals, health care facilities, health systems and health organisations dedicated to reducing the health sector's ecological and carbon footprint and promoting public and environmental health. The network is a vibrant international community working together to for a healthier, more sustainable planet.

Global Green and Healthy Hospitals has its foundation in the GGHH Agenda, a comprehensive framework of 10 interconnected goals for the health sector to address and promote greater sustainability and environmental health.

There are 1,046 Global Green and Healthy Hospitals members 54 countries internationally, representing 32,157 hospitals and health centres.

### Ten Goal Framework



#### Leadership

Prioritize environmental health as a strategic imperative



#### Chemicals

Substitute harmful chemicals with safer alternatives



#### Waste

Reduce, treat and safely dispose of healthcare waste



#### Energy

Implement energy efficiency and clean, renewable energy generation.



#### Water

Reduce hospital water consumption and supply potable water



#### Transportation

Improve transportation strategies for patients and staff



#### Food

Purchase and serve sustainably grown, healthy food



#### Pharmaceuticals

Prescribe appropriately, safely manage and properly dispose of pharmaceuticals



#### Buildings

Support green and healthy hospital design and construction



#### Purchasing

Buy safer and more sustainable products and materials

### GGHH MEMBERSHIP

**GGHH membership is free of charge** for health services and organisations. To join, there is a [letter of intent](http://bit.ly/GGHH_join) ([http://bit.ly/GGHH\\_join](http://bit.ly/GGHH_join)) on the website in which the health service/organization selects and pledges to work towards at least two of GGHH's ten goals. Once an organisation is a member of GGHH, all employees can access the tools and resources that are available.

GGHH members have access to a variety of resources to assist them in their sustainability work and promote their dedication to environmental sustainability. **GGHH Connect** is an online hub for members to use to access tools and resources which

include access to:

#### Discussion Forums

Provide a space for members to meet virtually to ask questions, share experiences, and collaborate. There is a discussion forum for each GGHH goal area.

#### Experts

International experts are available to answer questions, provide advice and point members to resources to inform their work in each of the 10 GGHH goals.

#### Guidance Documents

Comprehensive technical guides on Energy, Water, Waste and Buildings that include tools, case studies, actions and strategies for GGHH members to utilize in their work.

## Hippocrates Data Centre

- A portal containing online data management tools designed to measure members' environmental impacts, reduction targets and progress.
- Tools provide visual graphs and charts to allow communication of progress and opportunities.
- Data collection tools are currently available for waste, energy and climate.

## GGHH Webinar Series

- GGHH offers educational & interactive monthly webinars on topics ranging from the GGHH sustainability goals, to current events of interest, and important research & publications.
- Members and non-members can register and join a webinar free of charge.
- Past webinars are available from the [GGHH website \(http://bit.ly/GGHH\\_webinar\)](http://bit.ly/GGHH_webinar).

## GREEN HEALTH CHALLENGES

### 1. Healthcare Climate Challenge

- Any hospital or health organisation can join the [Challenge \(http://bit.ly/HC\\_challenge\)](http://bit.ly/HC_challenge) and by doing so, they are granted automatic membership with GGHH.

The challenge is based around 3 pillars:

- **Mitigation:** reducing their own carbon footprint and fostering low carbon health care
  - **Resilience:** preparing impacts of extreme weather and the shifting burden of disease
  - **Leadership:** educating staff and public whilst promoting policies to protect public health from climate change
- Members choose targets, and report on their progress annually towards these targets
  - Participants go into the running to receive international recognition through the annual [Climate Champion Awards](#) (see above link).

## GGHH CONTACTS

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## Case Studies

- GGHH encourages members to share examples of their work through case studies.
- These highlight their success and encourage other members to follow their example.
- A case study template is available from the [GGHH website \(http://bit.ly/GGHH\\_cases\)](http://bit.ly/GGHH_cases).
- GGHH staff are available to help draft and edit these case studies.

The [GGHH case study \(http://bit.ly/GGHH\\_cases\)](http://bit.ly/GGHH_cases) library is available from the GGHH website.

## GGHH newsletter

A bi-monthly email newsletter containing information and updates including upcoming events, new tools & resources and international news from the GGHH network. [Subscribe \(http://bit.ly/GGHH\\_newsletter\)](http://bit.ly/GGHH_newsletter).



Green  
Health  
Challenges

### 2. Waste Challenge and Energy Challenge

- Launched in 2017, [the Challenges \(http://bit.ly/GGHH\\_challenges\)](http://bit.ly/GGHH_challenges) are designed to help healthcare organizations commit to sustainability goals and track their own environmental projects and efforts.
- Members select their goals according to organizational capabilities and resources, making the program accessible to a organisations of varying size and experience
- Participation sends a powerful message to hospitals and health systems everywhere that we can achieve environmentally sustainable health care.
- By joining a Challenge, members have the chance to be recognised in the international [Green Health Awards](#).

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