

## Report by Director of Estates and Facilities – NHS Midlands Pledge to Reducing Plastic Waste

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### Purpose of report:

This paper is for:	Description	Select (X)
Decision	To formally receive a report and approve its recommendations OR a particular course of action	X
Discussion	To discuss, in depth, a report noting its implications without formally approving a recommendation or action	
Assurance	To assure the Board that systems and processes are in place, or to advise a gap along with treatment plan	
Noting	For noting without the need for discussion	

### Previous consideration:

Meeting	Date	Please clarify the purpose of the paper to that meeting using the categories above
CMG Board (specify which CMG)	N/A	
Executive Board	N/A	ESB 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
Trust Board Committee	N/A	
Trust Board	N/A	

## Executive Summary

### Context

1. NHS Midlands is encouraging NHS Trusts, Foundation Trusts and Clinical Commissioning Groups within the region to sign up to a pledge to reduce plastic waste by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020. Details are set out in the appendix attached.
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### Input Sought

The Trust Board is recommended to sign up to the NHS Midlands pledge to reducing plastic waste.

**For Reference:**

**This report relates to the following UHL quality and supporting priorities:**

**1. Quality priorities**

Safe, surgery and procedures	[Not applicable]
Safely and timely discharge	[Not applicable]
Improved Cancer pathways	[Not applicable]
Streamlined emergency care	[Not applicable]
Better care pathways	[Not applicable]
Ward accreditation	[Not applicable]

**2. Supporting priorities:**

People strategy implementation	[Not applicable]
Estate investment and reconfiguration	[Not applicable]
e-Hospital	[Not applicable]
More embedded research	[Not applicable]
Better corporate services	[Not applicable]
Quality strategy development	[Not applicable]

**3. Equality Impact Assessment and Patient and Public Involvement considerations:**

- What was the outcome of your Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)? N/A
- Briefly describe the Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) activities undertaken in relation to this report, or confirm that none were required – None Required. N/A
- How did the outcome of the EIA influence your Patient and Public Involvement ? N/A
- If an EIA was not carried out, what was the rationale for this decision? On the basis that this is a monthly update report. N/A

**4. Risk and Assurance****Risk Reference:**

Does this paper reference a risk event?	Select (X)	Risk Description:
<b>Strategic:</b> Does this link to a <b>Principal Risk</b> on the BAF?	N/A	N/A
<b>Organisational:</b> Does this link to an <b>Operational/Corporate Risk</b> on Datix Register	N/A	N/A
<b>New Risk</b> identified in paper: What <b>type</b> and <b>description</b> ?	N/A	N/A
<b>None</b>		

5. Scheduled date for the **next paper** on this topic: [TBC]
6. Executive Summaries should not exceed **5 sides** [My paper does comply]

**UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS OF LEICESTER NHS TRUST**

**REPORT TO: TRUST BOARD**

**DATE: 9TH JANUARY 2020**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ESTATES AND FACILITIES**

**SUBJECT: NHS MIDLANDS PLEDGE TO REDUCING PLASTIC WASTE**

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3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020

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To: Midlands NHS Trusts Chairs & Chief Executives

***Sent via E-Mail***

Dear Colleagues

**Re: Sustainability - NHSE/I Pledge to reduce Plastic Waste**

You will be aware from the Long-Term Plan (LTP) that the NHS has committed to significantly reducing waste and making hospitals healthier for patients and staff.

Between 2013 and 2018, NHS services across England used more than 600 million disposable cups and millions of other disposable cutlery pieces, as well as many other avoidable single-use items. While much NHS plastic waste is already recovered for recycling or energy from general waste, we are still a significant contributor to the 34 billion tonnes of plastic that will pollute our natural environment by 2050.

One part of the LTP is to reduce the single-use of plastics in hospitals (acute/ MH and Community) with retailers operating hospitals committing to cut the use of avoidable plastics starting with straws and stirrers from April 2020, and cutlery, plates and cups phased out over the coming 12 months.

In October, Simon Stevens urged hospitals who have in-house catering services to 'step up and match our suppliers' commitment by signing a pledge to support the reduction of the amount of plastic waste in the NHS. Through the scheme, signatories commit to:

- **By April 2020, no longer purchase single-use plastic stirrers and straws, except where a person has a specific need, in line with the government consultation**
- **By April 2021, no longer purchase single-use plastic cutlery, plates or single-use cups made of expanded polystyrene or oxo-degradable plastics**

- **By April 2021, go beyond these commitments in reducing single-use plastic food containers and other plastic cups for beverages – including covers and lids**

By signing up to the pledge, we also ask trusts, CCGs, retailers and suppliers to provide NHS England and NHS Improvement with four data-submissions on the volumes of single-use plastic catering items purchased. This will give an indication on the progress being made.

<u>Submission date</u>	<u>Time period for data to cover (financial year)</u>
• <b>January 2020</b>	<b>Q1 to Q4 2018/19</b>
• <b>April 2020</b>	<b>Q1 to Q4 2019/20</b>
• <b>October 2020</b>	<b>Q1 and Q2 2020/21</b>
• <b>April 2021</b>	<b>Q3 and Q4 2020/21</b>

Over time, where clinically appropriate, we will look further at reducing plastics waste from our most common clinical products such as gloves, gowns and hygiene products. We will also work with our supply chain on plastic packaging.

Making this pledge and providing the evidence requested will help demonstrate how organisations have made progress in minimising the use of plastics, as required by the 2019/20 NHS Standard Contract.

As you can see from **Table 1**, 10 Midlands organisations have already made the pledge and we thank those organisations for doing so. However, we would like to urge all the remaining Midlands Trust Boards to consider the commitment and look to signing the pledge before the **deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020** please.

In addition we would also urge Midlands Commissioning (CCGs) organisations copied into this letter to sign up to the pledge. NHSE/I will also participate in the delivery of this commitment.

I am sure you will all agree that the NHS Midlands is well placed to lead by example in supporting this commitment to eliminate avoidable plastic waste. We therefore ask if the Boards would work with their operational teams, stakeholders, and suppliers during 2019/20, and confirm the commitment by signing the pledge using the following link please:

<https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/survey/dee161d9/consultation/subpage.2019-08-19.1656315056/>

Within the above link, it will ask each organisation to confirm two points of contact for sustainable development within their organization:

1. A senior responsible officer (Director-level)
2. A sustainable development lead for your organisation

NHS Midlands will use these links to provide further information about the pledge and to communicate with you regarding the wider sustainability programme.

In addition, within the NHS Midlands we are already looking to join up the sustainability work which key stakeholders such as NHS Sustainable Development Unit and Public Health England. And to build upon the existing East & West Midlands Sustainability Networks.

Equally NHSE/I is also looking for a NHS Chair or Chief Executive sponsor to assist NHS Midlands on championing the Sustainability agenda to help deliver the NHS LTP ambitions which are outlined on page 6.

If anyone is interested in becoming the Midlands Chair/ Chief Executive NHS sponsor please could you let Nick Hardwick, Director of Performance ([nick.hardwick@nhs.net](mailto:nick.hardwick@nhs.net)) know.

By delivering the LTP Sustainability ambitions they will help enhance our role and responsibility in mitigating the negative impacts on climate change. The achievement of these ambitions are only possible if the whole NHS Midlands, and all those who work within it, play our part. Your leadership and contribution could therefore not be more urgently required at this time.

Yours sincerely



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Director of Performance and Improvement - Midlands  
NHS England and NHS Improvement

cc.  
CCG AOs

Dale Bywater, NHSE/I Regional Director

Dr Rashmi Shukla, Director Public Health England

STP Leads

NHSE/I S&T Directors colleagues

**Table 1: Current status on Midlands Trusts signed up to the Plastics Pledge**

Trust Code	Trust Name	Commissioning Region	Trust Type	Plastics Pledge
RXT	BIRMINGHAM AND SOLIHULL MENTAL HEALTH NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	MENTAL HEALTH AND LEARNING DISABILITY	No
RYW	BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	COMMUNITY	Yes
RQ3	BIRMINGHAM WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	ACUTE - SPECIALIST	No
TAJ	BLACK COUNTRY PARTNERSHIP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	CARE TRUST	Yes
RFS	CHESTERFIELD ROYAL HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	ACUTE - SMALL	No
RYG	COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP NHS TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	MENTAL HEALTH AND LEARNING DISABILITY	No
RY8	DERBYSHIRE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES NHS TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	COMMUNITY	No
RXM	DERBYSHIRE HEALTHCARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	MENTAL HEALTH AND LEARNING DISABILITY	No
RYK	DUDLEY AND WALSALL MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP NHS TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	MENTAL HEALTH AND LEARNING DISABILITY	No
RX9	EAST MIDLANDS AMBULANCE SERVICE NHS TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	AMBULANCE	No
RLT	GEORGE ELIOT HOSPITAL NHS TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	ACUTE - SMALL	No
RNQ	KETTERING GENERAL HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	ACUTE - SMALL	No
RT5	LEICESTERSHIRE PARTNERSHIP NHS TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	MENTAL HEALTH AND LEARNING DISABILITY	No
RY5	LINCOLNSHIRE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES NHS TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	COMMUNITY	Yes
RP7	LINCOLNSHIRE PARTNERSHIP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	MENTAL HEALTH AND LEARNING DISABILITY	Yes
RRE	MIDLANDS PARTNERSHIP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	MENTAL HEALTH AND LEARNING DISABILITY	No
RLY	NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE COMBINED HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	MENTAL HEALTH AND LEARNING DISABILITY	No
RNS	NORTHAMPTON GENERAL HOSPITAL NHS TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	ACUTE - MEDIUM	No
RP1	NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HEALTHCARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	MENTAL HEALTH AND LEARNING DISABILITY	No
RX1	NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	ACUTE - TEACHING	No

RHA	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HEALTHCARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	MENTAL HEALTH AND LEARNING DISABILITY	Yes
RL1	ROBERT JONES AND AGNES HUNT ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	ACUTE - SPECIALIST	Yes
RRJ	ROYAL ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	ACUTE - SPECIALIST	No
RXK	SANDWELL AND WEST BIRMINGHAM HOSPITALS NHS TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	ACUTE - LARGE	Yes
RK5	SHERWOOD FOREST HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	ACUTE - MEDIUM	Yes
RXW	SHREWSBURY AND TELFORD HOSPITAL NHS TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	ACUTE - LARGE	Yes
R1D	SHROPSHIRE COMMUNITY HEALTH NHS TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	COMMUNITY	No
RJC	SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	ACUTE - SMALL	No
RNA	THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	ACUTE - MEDIUM	Yes
RL4	THE ROYAL WOLVERHAMPTON NHS TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	ACUTE - LARGE	No
RWD	UNITED LINCOLNSHIRE HOSPITALS NHS TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	ACUTE - LARGE	No
RJE	UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL OF NORTH MIDLANDS NHS TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	ACUTE - TEACHING	No
RRK	UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS BIRMINGHAM NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	ACUTE - TEACHING	No
RKB	UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE NHS TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	ACUTE - TEACHING	No
RTG	UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS OF DERBY AND BURTON NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	ACUTE - TEACHING	No
RWE	UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS OF LEICESTER NHS TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	ACUTE - TEACHING	No
RBK	WALSALL HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	ACUTE - MEDIUM	No
RYA	WEST MIDLANDS AMBULANCE SERVICE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	AMBULANCE	No
RWP	WORCESTERSHIRE ACUTE HOSPITALS NHS TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	ACUTE - LARGE	No
R1A	WORCESTERSHIRE HEALTH AND CARE NHS TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	COMMUNITY	No
RLQ	WYE VALLEY NHS TRUST	MIDLANDS COMMISSIONING REGION	ACUTE - SMALL	No



## Towards a Greener NHS: LTP Priority Areas for the Midlands

	 Improving Air Quality	 Reducing carbon, waste and water	 Reducing single use plastics
Targets	By 2023/24, we will cut business mileages and fleet air pollutant emissions by 20%	By 2025, we will reduce our carbon footprint by 51% against 2007 levels	We will deliver reductions in single use plastics throughout the NHS supply chain
Key initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reducing NHS fleet emissions (including ambulances) and other specialist vehicles</li> <li>Reducing outpatient appointments by a third</li> <li>Working with local government to reduce emissions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greening our estates and facilities, including phasing out coal and oil fuel as primary heating</li> <li>Switching to greener asthma inhalers</li> <li>Reducing the carbon footprint from anaesthetic gases</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reducing single use plastics across NHS catering as well as clinical and supply chain domains</li> <li>Working to improve the disposal and recycling processes for plastics</li> <li>Developing innovation in plastics</li> </ul>
Enablers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strong and robust regional leadership commitment</li> <li>Well functioning and committed Regional Sustainability Network with expertise and passion</li> <li>Supporting data and analytics</li> <li>National procurement and supply chain</li> <li>Innovation &amp; Technology</li> <li>Communications &amp; Engagement</li> </ul>		

