

## **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STATEMENT**

NHS Ayrshire & Arran will endeavour to ensure that its activities are consistent with the principles of environmentally sustainable development and commits itself to continual environmental improvement and prevention of pollution to ensure the healthiest life possible for the people of Ayrshire and Arran.

### **Objectives**

Ensure that NHS Ayrshire & Arran is an exemplar of good practice in environmental issues in line with the Scottish Governments “Greener” strategic objective “to improve Scotland’s natural and built environment and the sustainable use and enjoyment of it”.

Implement an effective environmental management system (EMS) through which NHS Ayrshire & Arran can continually improve its environmental and sustainability performance.

Establish a robust audit, review and reporting system on sustainability performance.

Integrate environmental, sustainable and social considerations into all business decisions including clinical decisions and procurement of goods and services.

Raise employees’ awareness of environmental and sustainability issues and provide appropriate training to ensure effective implementation within their normal duties.

Establish appropriate environmental and sustainability performance indicators with associated improvement targets based on current best practice.

Commit to developing environmental and sustainable initiatives with local communities, Local Authorities, Agencies, patients and the public.

Promote sustainability through waste minimisation and the prudent use of energy, water, transport, materials and other physical resources.

Adopt best practice for conservation of biodiversity, prevention of pollution, land management and reduction of environmental damage.

Encourage and ensure high environmental and sustainability standards from suppliers and contractors by using those whose environmental and sustainability policies are compatible with our own.