

GREEN CHARTER

The National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh (NOHC) is committed to embedding sustainability across all aspects of our operations, campus and clinical practice. We aim to achieve Green Flag Accreditation under the Green Campus Programme and to become a recognised leader in public sector sustainability in Ireland. We recognise our responsibility to minimise environmental impact, contribute to national climate targets, and promote sustainable behaviours among staff, patients, students, and visitors.

Our Green Committee, established in September 2020 under the leadership of CEO Ms Angela Lee and chaired by Deputy CEO Ms Aoife Gallagher, meets every six weeks to review and progress the Hospital's Sustainability Strategy. The Committee includes representatives from all major departments (facilities, household, nursing, health and social care, ICT, HR, and academic) as well as external partners from the HSE Energy Bureau and Climate Action & Sustainability Office.

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OUR AIMS & OBJECTIVES

- Educate our staff, visitors and students through education, training and green events.
- Reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions
- Achieve excellence in waste management and move towards zero waste to landfill
- Drastically reduce food waste
- Conserve water and eliminate avoidable leaks
- Promote sustainable travel and active commuting
- Embed sustainability into clinical practice (Sustainable Surgery, Green Labs, Green Radiology)
- Engage and empower all staff, students, and visitors in our green journey

WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED

Since 2020 we have delivered measurable results including, but not limited to:

- 26% reduction in combined energy use (37% reduction in natural gas)
- 39% reduction in total waste
- 53% reduction in food/organic waste (exceeding the national 50% target)
- 31% reduction in water use
- Installation of rooftop Solar PV, hospital-wide LED lighting, sub-metering, waste baler & compactor, cycle shelter, and much more.
- Achieved Silver Smarter Travel Mark and
- Published research on sustainable orthopaedic surgery.

HOW YOU CAN HELP?

- Join the Green Committee (new members are always welcome)
- Become a Green Champion in your department
- Familiarise yourself with the NOHC Sustainability Strategy
- Participate in Green Week events and active travel challenges
- Use your Keep Cup and reusable water bottle
- Segregate waste correctly and use the Trinity bins
- Switch off lights and equipment when not in use
- Share ideas and report leaks or waste issues

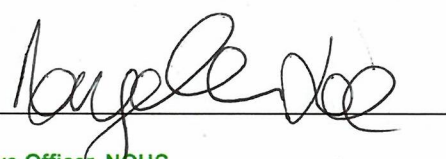
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COMMITTEE

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This Charter is supported by measurable targets, transparent monitoring, and strong leadership through our Green Committee.

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Make sure to check out our Green Energy tile on the new Staff App and keep a look out for updates on the Green Energy notice board in the restaurant.