



# Green Initiative Statement

## Somerset Family Health Practice – Environmental Sustainability Commitment

At **Hammond Road Surgery**, we recognise that climate change and environmental degradation directly impact public health. As a primary care provider, we are committed to reducing our environmental footprint while continuing to deliver high-quality, patient-centred care.

### Our Commitment

We are dedicated to supporting the NHS ambition to achieve net zero carbon emissions and to promoting sustainable healthcare practices within our organisation.

### Our Key Actions

#### 1. Energy Efficiency

- Regular maintenance of heating and cooling systems.
- Switching off equipment when not in use.
- Exploring renewable energy options where feasible.

#### 2. Waste Reduction & Recycling

- Reducing single-use plastics where clinically safe alternatives exist.
- Implementing appropriate recycling for paper, plastics, and cardboard.
- Safe and responsible disposal of clinical waste.
- Promoting paper-light systems through digital communications.

#### 3. Sustainable Prescribing

- Encouraging environmentally friendly inhalers where clinically appropriate.
- Reviewing prescribing practices to minimise medicine waste.
- Supporting repeat prescription efficiency and medication reviews. SMS

#### 4. Sustainable Travel

- Encouraging staff and patients to use public transport, cycling, or car-sharing where possible.
- Promoting remote consultations when clinically appropriate.
- Supporting flexible working to reduce commuting impact.

#### 5. Procurement & Supplies

- Sourcing sustainable and ethically produced supplies when available.



- Working with suppliers who share environmental responsibility goals.

## **🔧 Staff & Community Engagement**

We aim to:

- Raise awareness among staff and patients about the link between health and the environment.
- Promote healthy lifestyle choices that also benefit the planet (e.g., active travel, plant-forward diets).
- Regularly review and improve our sustainability practices.

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## **Ongoing Commitment**

We will monitor progress, review our policies annually, and seek opportunities for continuous improvement. By embedding sustainability into our daily operations, we aim to contribute positively to both the health of our patients and the health of our planet.

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# **Thank you for your Support**

**Practice Management.**