

Environmental Sustainability

Leadership in
Pharmacy



A landscape photograph showing a dead, skeletal tree in the center-right. The ground is dry and brown, with some sparse vegetation. In the foreground, a river or stream reflects the sky and the tree. The background features a line of trees and distant hills under a cloudy sky.

Declaration of Climate and Ecological Emergency

Pharmacists and pharmacy teams have a clear role to play in combating climate change.

**LET'S ALL
ACT NOW.**

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Our commitments

- Divestment
- Maintaining our zero-to-landfill status
- Decrease our use of paper and plastics
- Ensure a sustainable approach to maintaining and running our buildings and facilities
- Staff engagement



Medicines account for 25% of the total NHS carbon emissions

Water pollution from pharmaceuticals

Medicines packaging

Prescribing & Medicines Use

- Prescribing Guidance & Formularies
- Antibiotics, Inhalers & Gases
- Optimising Medicines use

Medicines Disposal & Waste

- Recycling of Used Medication
- Reducing Single-use Plastics
- Appropriate Disposal

Preventing Ill Health

- Social Prescribing
- Public Health
- Care Closer to Home

Infrastructure & Ways of Working

- Digital Working & Reducing Travel
- Procurement
- Education



To the future....

- RPS Climate Change Charter
- Reducing the environmental impact of prescribing
- UK Health Alliance on Climate Change
- Natural Resources Wales
- ABPI



**To the
future...**

**RPS Annual Conference
2022**

**Inspiring Change: The
Future of Pharmacy**

Key stream - Sustainability

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RPS Annual Conference 2022

Friday 11 November

Call for abstracts now open!

Actions for Healthcare professionals & services



Better information on the environmental impact of medicines

Take a person-centred approach to prescribing

Regularly review medicines

Reduce the over-use of antibiotics

Promote safe disposal of medicines

Improve infrastructure



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a carbon footprint

The logo features a stylized globe with green continents and blue oceans. Overlaid on the globe are two concentric circles: an inner light blue circle containing the text 'Near Me' and an outer dark blue circle. The NHS Highland logo is positioned above the 'Near Me' text.

NHS Highland
Near Me

Reduce travel by NHS

It's happening now...

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