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# Achieving a low-carbon, climate resilient NHS

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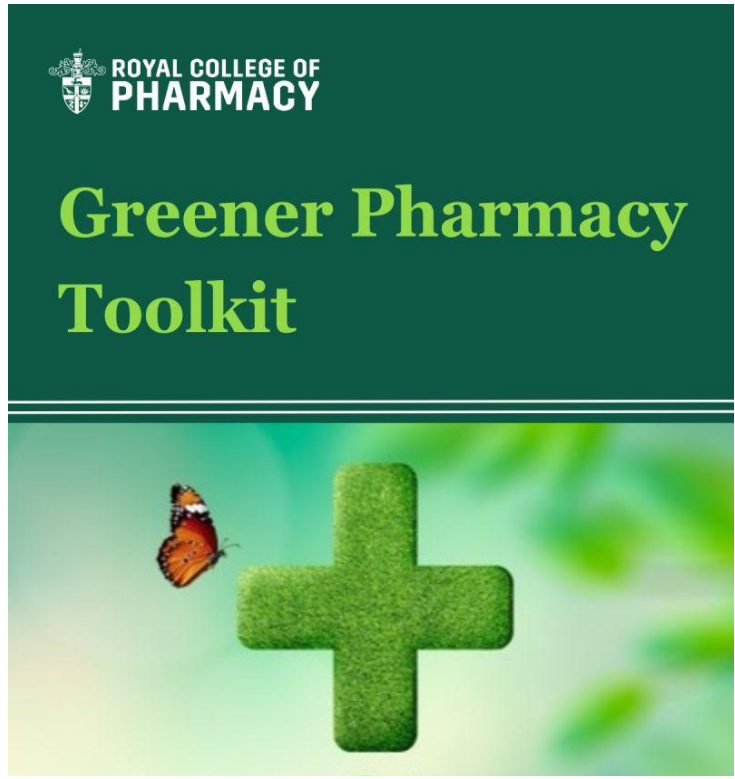
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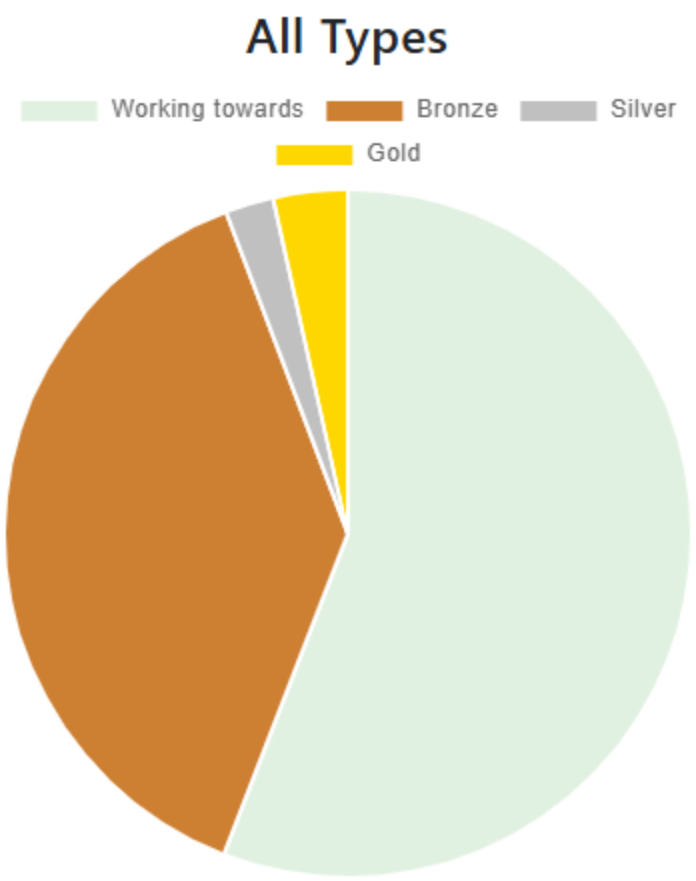
# Royal College of Pharmacy Greener Pharmacy toolkit

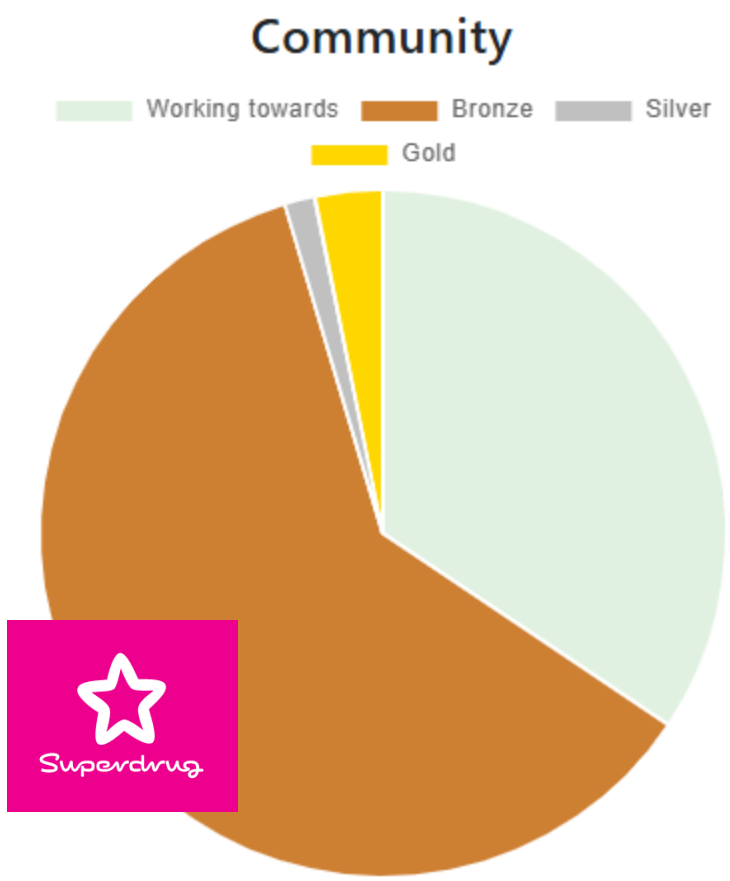
- Launched March 2025
- Commissioned by NHS England Greener NHS team
- Actions aligned with RCGP Green Impact for Health toolkit, Green ED, Greener Dentistry
  - People
  - Clinical Practice
  - Operations & Strategies
  - Resource use
  - Information, Communications, Technology
  - Travel
- Self-accreditation toolkit – Gold, Silver, Bronze

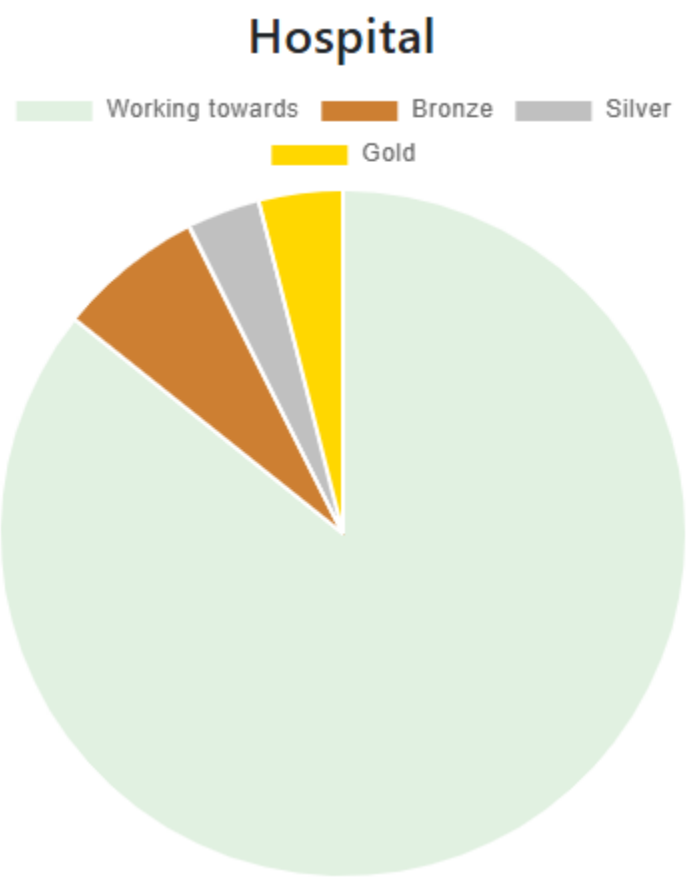


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Achievements ~2 years on:



# Most actioned by Community Pharmacies:

- Share information with patients about initiatives they can support to reduce waste and improve efficiency of services.
- Accept unwanted medicines from the public which will help reduce the environmental impacts from inappropriate disposal methods for unwanted medicines and devices.
- Nominated a sustainability lead(s) and recognises green champion(s).
- Reduce paper usage where possible and use recycled paper where practicable.
- Provide adequate information to support patients to navigate health and social care systems and overcome barriers to accessing services. Share patient information for their direct care according to data protection legislations and display a privacy notice.

# Most actioned by Hospital Pharmacies:



- No longer use desflurane except in specific clinical exceptions as outlined by NACCS.
- Ensure that Pharmacy teams are represented on Medical Gas Committee to initiate N2O waste mitigation project.
- Nominated a sustainability lead(s) and recognises green champion(s).
- Aware how to report leaks or water waste promptly.
- Reduce paper usage where possible and use recycled paper where practicable.
- Keep equipment free from obstructions and clean filters and fans to prevent overheating and possible failure, especially during heatwaves.

# Incorporated in NHS Green Plans + international interests

## Hospital trust becomes first to achieve gold status under RPS Greener Pharmacy Toolkit

Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust has obtained gold level accreditation in the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Greener Pharmacy Toolkit through its commitment to improving sustainability practices.





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# Green plan
2025 – 2028






- Established Sustainability WG consisting NHS staff across organisation – strategic leaders & frontline workers
- Kaizen workshop Aug 2026 - reviewed ToR/Task & Finish groups, Sustainability live action logs and risks
- Assigned leads for accountability
- Regular highlight reporting and sharing good practice

# Key STSFT wins 2025-26




- ✓ Launched *Green Bright Ideas* campaign
- ✓ Solar installation on 3 Trust sites
- ✓ Secured Heat Decarbonisation Plan investment - £80,000
- ✓ Secured bid for N2O waste reduction project - £7,000
- ✓ Promoted *Introduction to Net Zero* ESR e-learning module for all staff
- ✓ On-site tree planting – Winner of *NHS Forest Green Space on a budget*
- ✓ Building management system and LED lighting upgrades (to NHS Net Zero Building Standard) expected to save 301,000 kWh annually, reduction of £65,800 and 82.4 tonnes CO2e emissions

