

“TREADING LIGHTLY IN GREEN NEPHROLOGY”

LINKING THE ‘TREADING LIGHTLY’ ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ALREADY IN PLACE IN NORTH BRISTOL TRUST WITH THE NATIONAL ‘GREEN NEPHROLOGY’ PROGRAMME.

The Green Nephrology Campaign began in February 2009. North Bristol Trust had early involvement with the project, having a representative who liaised with the initiative.



“Treading Lightly” is a three year campaign launched in October 2008. It aims to improve the Trust’s carbon footprint and environmental performance, with quarterly phases focusing on;

- Waste & recycling
- Travel to work
- Water
- Energy

2010 sees a guest phase for food replacing travel to work and small events for each phase planned to increase membership and alignment with the Treading Light Campaign.

A network of Environmental Awareness Representatives, help to filter and disseminate information & highlight problem areas. Several events have been held covering all campaign topics with stalls from local and national organisations. Measuring success of the campaign is undertaken by obtaining regular estimates of the individual electricity and water usage for main renal unit and satellite units, and monitoring paper usage.

Agreement made to tackle Renal 10:10 checklist.

- Installation of Trust wide computer auto-turn off function.
- Our ‘two fingered’ approach to energy reduction (Turning off lights and computers when leaving an office)
- Investment in double sided printers & monitoring of paper usage.
- Reuse of R.O. water.
- Centralised dialysate for haemodialysis units.
- Heat exchangers on the haemodialysis machines.
- Stop the use of bottled drinking water.
- Pilot the use of telephone clinics having reached agreements on funding.
- Travel to work by bus maps.
- Video/teleconferencing.
- Motion sensors to reduce electric light consumption.

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