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The Department of Health Sciences

Sustainability Statement

The Department of Health Sciences supports the principles of the [University of York's Sustainability Strategy](#). We as a Department aim to:

- **Reduce our carbon emissions, energy use, water use and waste**
  - It is the responsibility of each member of staff to turn off their own equipment when not in use
  - Water and heating sources should not be wasted and turned off if not required
  - Staff should consider sustainable transport and car sharing when travelling on University business or the use of conference calls as an alternative to travel.
- **Promote a culture of reduce, reuse and recycle**
  - [Recycling](#) is now available throughout the Department and waste going to landfill is discouraged
  - Staff are encouraged to reuse items where possible and consider the [Waste Hierarchy](#)
  - Many alternatives to printing are now available throughout the Department such as sharing and displaying documents electronically
- **Increase awareness amongst staff and students regarding sustainability and our impact on the environment**
  - The Health Sciences Green Impact Team promotes environmental good practice throughout the Department. All staff are welcome to join the team and information about the scheme is included in new starters induction packs.
  - The Department has currently won two Green Impact awards - Bronze in 2014 and Silver in 2015. Further information can be found on the [Department's](#) and [University's](#) Green Impact websites.
  - The Department regularly takes part in charitable fundraising activities, raising money for local and national charities. Recent examples include cake sales for [Macmillan Cancer Support](#) and [Children in Need](#).
- **Incorporate environmental impact in purchasing decisions and where possible procure goods and services from sustainable and ethical sources**
  - [Fairtrade](#), [Rainforest Alliance](#) and [UTZ](#) approved tea and coffee is used in the Department
  - IT equipment is procured in-line with University standards. Equipment is also recycled where possible as part of its end of life process