CLIMATE & HEALTH SCORECARD INITIATIVE 2022-2023



We'd like to thank you for taking part in this initiative.

We are health professionals and researchers in the field of climate activism. We aim to celebrate the progress being made by health organisations in moving towards a just, healthy and sustainable world. This scorecard breaks down climate action into manageable steps across four domains:



INTERNAL OPERATIONS



EDUCATION & TRAINING



FINANCE



ADVOCACY

We appreciate the questionnaire is lengthy and we thank you in advance for giving your time. We hope that the questionnaire itself may serve as a useful template for climate action, as well as allowing progress to be measured and celebrated. This initiative purposefully sets a high bar for climate action, in line with the rate and scale of action needed to tackle the climate and ecological emergency, so please do not be discouraged if you have not yet met the ambitious targets.

For some questions, we have requested supporting evidence for your answers. We would be very grateful for this information as it helps us better understand your organisation's work and may provide positive examples of climate action, which we can later share (with your consent) to help other organisations to achieve the same.

For this round, we are counting all actions up until December 31st 2022 (unless the question states a specific date range). The deadline for submitting the questionnaire will be 14th April 2023. If you decide not to participate, it would be very helpful to understand why.

Please do contact us with any questions.

Many thanks,

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Questionnaire for: Medical and Dental Colleges, Faculties, Societies

Name of your organisation:
Sustainability lead(s)/organisation contact name:
Sustainability lead(s)/organisation email:
Scorecard 'link person' name:
Scorecard 'link person' email:



DECARBONISATION PLAN	
1. Has your organisation measured its present-day carbon footprint?	
More info: see this <u>carbon footprinting guide</u> .	
Supporting evidence: Please share a copy of your latest carbon footprint report. If this is not available, please share the total tonnes CO2e and details of how this was calculated.	/0.5
o Yes (0.5 points)	
o No, not yet (0 points)	
Details:	
2. For emissions you <u>directly control</u> (scope 1 emissions), by what date does your organisation plan to reach net zero?	
More info: Net Zero, Scope 1, 2 and 3	
Supporting evidence: Please share your decarbonisation plan.	
2030 (2 points)	
2035 (1.5 points)	/2
2040 (1 point)	
2045 (0.5 points)	
2050 or later (0 points)	
No goal set (0 points)	
Details:	
3. For emissions which you can <u>influence</u> , but <u>not control directly</u> (scopes 2 and 3 emissions), by what date does your organisation plan to reach net zero?	
More info: Net Zero, Scope 1, 2 and 3	
Supporting evidence: Please share your decarbonisation plan.	/2
2030 (2 points)	

2035 (1.5 points)	
2040 (1 point)	
2045 (0.5 points)	
2050 or later (0 points)	
No goal set (0 points)	
Details:	
4. Does your plan involve short-term, medium term and long-term targets?	
Supporting evidence: Please share your decarbonisation plan.	
o Yes (0.5 points)	/0.5
o No, not yet (0 points)	
Details:	
5. Do you publish a publicly available report annually on whether climate/nature targets are being met?	
Supporting evidence: Please share your 2022 report.	
o Yes (0.5 points)	/0.5
o No, not yet (0 points)	
Details:	
SUPPORTING THE MOVE TO NET ZERO WITHIN YOUR SPECIALITY	
6. Have you been involved in developing plans towards Net Zero delivery of services in your specialist area?	
For example: British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG) working with the Joint Accreditation Group (JAG) and Centre for Sustainable Health (CSH) on a joint consensus on practical measures for environmental sustainability in endoscopy	
RCOA and AoA working with NHSE on plans to decommission desflurane.	/4
Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, England and RCPSG collaborating to produce the <u>Green Theatre Checklist</u> .	•
o Yes (1 point per example, max score 4)	

Examples:	
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Details:	
CLIMATE LEADERSHIP	
7. Does your organisation currently employ a climate lead with time AND funding made available for the role?	
Supporting evidence: name your current climate lead and confirmation that they have allocated time/payment for this role.	/2
o Yes (2 points)	/2
o No, not yet (0 points)	
Details:	
8. Does your organisation have a policy whereby decisions made by the senior management team must consider the impact on climate change and the environment?	
More info: See the Well-being of Future Generations Act.	
Supporting evidence: copy of policy	/1
o Yes (1 point)	
o No, not yet (0 points)	
Details:	
9. Does your organisation have a climate/nature committee and/or working group?	
Supporting evidence: If available, please share a link to a webpage detailing the committee/working group's name/purpose. If not in the public domain, please give the name of the committee chair (or equivalent).	/1
o Yes (1 point)	/1
o No, not yet (0 points)	
Details:	

BUILDINGS, UTILITIES AND WASTE		
10. What is the rating of your Energy Performance Certific building?	ate* for your principal	
More info: Heating and powering buildings currently account total energy usage. Promoting the improvement of the ene buildings is a key part of reaching net zero. EPCs can be used rive action to improve energy performance. Energy Performance. GOV.UK	rgy performance of d to support policies to	
Supporting evidence: please provide a copy of the Energy Peand/or request to your landlord regarding improving the enbuilding.		
o A & B (1 point)		/1
o C & D (0.5 points)		
o E to G (0 points)		
o Our main building has not undergone Energy Per	formance Testing (0 points)	
o C to G, but we lease the property and have conta regards to improving the energy performance of		
Details:		
11. If your organisation owns the property where you are based, is your electricity supply 100% renewable? Supporting evidence: please provide name of supplier	If your organisation's venues are leased, is your electricity supply 100% renewable?	
	Suggested evidence: please provide name of supplier or request to landlord	
At all venues, yes, and it is comes from a supplier that generates their own green energy (i.e. suppliers that have set up and run their own solar, wind or other green energy farms OR your organisation generates its own renewable energy) (1.5 points)	Yes, and it is comes from a supplier that generates their own green energy (i.e. suppliers that have set up and run their own solar, wind or other green energy farms OR your organisation generates its own renewable energy) (1.5 points)	/1.5

At our main venue, yes, and it is comes from a supplier that generates their own renewable energy (i.e. suppliers that have set up and run their own solar, wind or other green energy farms) (1 point)	No, but we have placed a formal request to the landlord to switch to 100% renewable electricity, from a source that generates their own renewable energy (i.e.not from purchasing REGO certificates). (1 point)	
All venues are run on 100% renewable energy, through (a) company(ies) that purchase or trade REGO certificates (0.5 points)	No, but we have placed a formal request to the landlord to switch to a 100% renewable electricity supply, without specifying that it should be from a source that generates its own green energy. (0.5 points)	
No, not yet (0 points)	No, not yet (0 points)	
Details:		
12. Does your organisation have a waste strategy? This may include waste reduction, increased % recycling, include moving towards a circular economy. Supporting evidence: copy of waste strategy	creased resource efficiency	
o Yes (0.5 points)		/0.5
o No, not yet (0 points)		
Details:		
PROCUREMENT		
13. Does your organisation have a Green Procurement Pol This may include reusing and repairing equipment, purchas alternative supplies (such as recycled paper), purchasing reland/or second-hand furnishings.	ing lower carbon	/o. r
Supporting evidence: copy of policy		/0.5
o Yes (0.5 points)		

o No, not yet (0 points)	
Details:	
14. Has your organisation banned the procurement of non-clinical single-use plastic? This includes disposable plastic cups/plates/cutlery and paper cups (which are lined with plastic). Note: this applies whether venues are owned/managed directly or leased from/managed by another organisation. More info: See this video on paper cups or this article on why paper cups are environmentally damaging. Read this article for more on biodegradable and compostable plastics. Supporting evidence: record of the ban/ policy statement on this e.g. this might be	/0.5
o Yes (0.5 points)	
o No, not yet (0 points)	
Details:	
15. Does your organisation have a policy to prioritise procuring goods and services only from organisations that follow a social value model including fighting climate change? More info: Guidance on sustainable procurement tools https://www.gov.uk/guidance/sustainable-procurement-tools The Evergreen sustainable supplier assessment https://www.england.nhs.uk/greenernhs/get-involved/suppliers/ Supporting evidence: copy of this policy or framework used o Yes (0.5 point) o No, not yet (0 points) Details:	/0.5
TRANSPORT	
16. Does your organisation have bike storage that is locked and covered, AND changing facilities including showers, for all your workplaces?	
o Yes (0.5 points)	/0.5
o No, not yet (0 points)	-

Details:	
17. Does your organisation participate in the Cycle to Work scheme?	
More info: Cycle to Work Scheme - GOV.UK	
Supporting evidence: link/screenshot confirming the scheme is currently available to employees	/0.5
o Yes (0.5 points)	•
o No, not yet (0 points)	
Details:	
18. Has your organisation stopped reimbursing or booking short-haul flights for business travel?	
This may include all flights which could be replaced by trains with a journey time of under 6 hours.	
Supporting evidence: copy of travel policy	/0.5
o Yes (0.5 points)	
o No, not yet (0 points)	
Details:	
19. Does your organisation incentivise the use of low carbon travel by reimbursing travel that uses active or public transport (walk/cycle/train/bus) at higher rates than for journeys using cars?	
Supporting evidence: copy of travel policy	
o Yes (0.5 points)	/0.5
o No, not yet (0 points)	
Details:	
FOOD	
20. Does your organisation have a target for increasing the proportion of the food that it serves that is plant-based and locally-sourced?	
Note: this applies whether venues are owned/managed directly or leased from/managed by another organisation.	
Supporting evidence: copy of food policy	/0.5
o Yes (0.5 points)	

o No, not yet (0 points)	
o N/A (if your organisation does not have catering facilities)	
Details:	
21. Does your organisation always offer a plant-based option on site and at conferences/meetings? Note: this applies whether venues are owned/managed directly or leased from/managed by another organisation.	
Supporting evidence: copy of food policy	,
o Yes (0.5 points)	/0.5
o No, not yet (0 points)	
o N/A (if your organisation does not have catering facilities)	
Details:	
22. Has your organisation removed red meat from your menus, both in house and at catered events? Supporting evidence: copy of food policy o Yes (0.5 points) o No, not yet (0 points) o N/A (if your organisation does not have catering facilities) Details:	/0.5
23. Does your organisation display carbon and environmental impact labels on your food and menus?	
More info: Just like nutrition labelling, this allows people to make informed decisions on what they eat. It helps consumers and caterers understand and reduce their carbon footprint. Companies such as My Emissions can help caterers calculate the impact of the food they serve. See: Carbon labelling in food and drink Ethical Consumer	/0.5
Supporting evidence: confirmation that carbon and environmental impact labels are on your food and menus, or if a formal request has been made, please evidence with a copy of the request	/0.5
o Yes (0.5 points)	
o No, but we have made a formal request to our catering supplier to display carbon and environmental labels on food and menus (0.5 points)	

o No, not yet (0 points)	
o N/A (if your organisation does not have catering facilities)	
Details:	
EVENTS	
24. Does your organisation follow an environmental sustainability framework when planning events?	
This may include: - Running events virtually or hybrid & inviting international speakers to present virtually - Encouraging attendees to use low carbon transport (trains/buses) and active transport (cycling/walking) and to avoid flying where the journey can be made by train in under 6 hours - Using a sustainable caterer and taking steps to avoid food waste - Using reusable tableware only (no single-use cups, plates, cutlery) - Avoiding single-use decor, plastic signs and giveaways - Commitment to only accepting sponsorship from ethical organisations Supporting evidence: copy of your events sustainability framework. O Yes (1 point) O No, not yet (0 points)	/1
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (ICT)	
25. Does your organisation have a digital transformation plan which seeks to reduce carbon emissions? This may involve using digital systems to reduce the use of printing and postage, supporting remote working and digital retrofits. Supporting evidence: copy of digital transformation plan. O Yes (0.5 points) O No, not yet (0 points) Details:	/0.5
26. Does your organisation use Ecosia (or equivalent greener search engine) as its	
default search engine? If equivalent, please state which search engine is used in 'details'.	/0.5

o Yes, Ecosia or equivalent (0.5 points)	
o No, not yet (0 points)	
Details:	
CLIMATE ADAPTATION	
27. Does your organisation have a climate change adaptation plan to mitigate the risks or effects of climate change and severe weather conditions on your work?	
This may include plans to mitigate the effects of flooding or heatwaves on your infrastructure, staff and members.	
More info: Business and communities should plan now for climate change - GOV.UK	/0.5
Supporting evidence: copy of climate adaptation plan	70.5
o Yes (0.5 points)	
o No, not yet (0 points)	
Details:	
EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION	
28. Does your organisation have an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion action plan?	
More info: Recognising that the climate and ecological crises intersect with other social injustices, it is key that organisations address issues of equality, diversity and inclusion as part of their climate and nature strategy. Targets may include: - actively engage with, promote, support and encourage the work of BME, LGBT+, Disability and Wellbeing, Women's Development Networks and trade unions - review the equality impact of key organisational policies for differential impact in areas such as: recruitment and selection, learning and development, supporting attendance at work, respect at work (anti-bullying and harassment); talent management; appraisal (performance development review) disciplinary, grievance and job evaluation - actively participating with relevant equalities standards and benchmarks	/0.5
Intersectional climate justice: A conceptual pathway for bridging adaptation planning.	
<u>transformative action, and social equity - ScienceDirect</u>	
Toolkit for Intersectional Movement Building by Young Friends of the Earth Europe	
Supporting evidence: copy of plan	
o Yes (0.5 points)	

o No, not yet (0 points)	
Details:	
Total score for Internal Operations	/25

EDUCATION & TRAINING

29. Are the health impacts of climate change embedded in your (specialist exam) curriculum e.g. membership exams?	
Supporting evidence: link to exam curriculum	
o Yes (2.5 points)	
o Not yet, but we have a proposal for inclusion of this which is expected approved by our approval body, e.g. the GMC for medical Royal Colleges (1 point)	/2.5
o No, not yet (0 points)	
o N/A - we do not have exams	
Details:	
30. Does your organisation have a strategy to achieve climate, nature and health literacy amongst all <u>employees</u> e.g via e-learning or similar? E-learning example: All Our Health: Climate change	
Case study: How County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust achieved 86% compliance in sustainability training.	/1
o Yes (1 point)	,-
o No, not yet (0 points)	
Details:	
31. Does your organisation have a strategy to promote climate, nature and health literacy amongst all members e.g via e-learning or similar?	
Examples: All Our Health: Climate change Environmentally Sustainable Healthcare Programme	
o Yes (1 point)	/1
o No, not yet (0 points)	
Details:	
32. Does your organisation have a sustainability/climate/nature fellowship, scholars programme or champions scheme, or does it support an external scheme?	/1

Example: Fellows and Scholars Centre for Sustainable Healthcare	
Supporting evidence: link to description of programme.	
o Yes, with time and funding allocated (1 point)	
o Yes, but without time and funding allocated (0.5 points)	
o No, not yet (0 points)	
Details:	
33. Between October 10th 2021 - 31st December 2022, has your organisation run one or more educational events on the topics of climate change, ecological degradation and pollution?	
o Yes (1 point)	/1
o No, not yet (0 points)	
Details:	
or more events or promoted learning resources that specifically focus on the <u>justice issues</u> surrounding climate change, ecological degradation and pollution? This might include events/training on inequalities relating to race, climate and health. Supporting evidence: programme of event	
	/1
o Yes (1 point)	/1
o Yes (1 point) o No, not yet (0 points)	/1
	/1
o No, not yet (0 points) Details: 35. Does your organisation actively promote strategies and/or policies that have a positive impact on planetary health whilst having the co-benefit of improving population health and/or reducing health inequalities? Examples may include social prescribing, nature-based therapies and an emphasis on strategies that aim at disease prevention and early diagnosis and for reducing inequalities: improving access to green space; improving standards of social housing. Supporting evidence: details of strategies/policies promoted o Yes (please give details below – each valid example given will gain 1 point, up	/4
o No, not yet (0 points) Details: 35. Does your organisation actively promote strategies and/or policies that have a positive impact on planetary health whilst having the co-benefit of improving population health and/or reducing health inequalities? Examples may include social prescribing, nature-based therapies and an emphasis on strategies that aim at disease prevention and early diagnosis and for reducing inequalities: improving access to green space; improving standards of social housing. Supporting evidence: details of strategies/policies promoted	

Examples:	
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Details:	
36. Is your organisation training your members to reduce overprescribing/promote deprescribing?	
This can be achieved through promoting education resources such as the Choosing Wisely initiative https://choosingwisely.co.uk/about-choosing-wisely-uk/	/1.5
o Yes (1.5 points)	,
o No, not yet (0 points)	
Details:	
 37. Does your organisation have a section on its website on climate, nature and health? This may include: Evidence for the health impacts of climate change/nature degradation/air pollution Resources for health professionals Resources for the public Position statement Plan How to get involved Blogs 	/1
E.g. <u>Climate change RCPCH</u>	
Supporting evidence: link to website	
o Yes (1 point)	
o No, not yet (0 points)	
Details:	
38. Does your organisation promote education that highlights the role of health professionals in decarbonising the care they deliver?	/1

For example, the delivery of Sustainability in QI training or specialty specific change management project groups. More info: SusQI	
Supporting evidence: details of education/training promoted	
o Yes (1 point)	
o No, not yet (0 points)	
Details:	
Total score for education and training	/15



DIVESTMENT		
39. Divestment of endowment funds: Had direct investments in companies generate fuels (incl. coal, gas shale, fracking) from committed to do so within the past three Supporting evidence: confirmation from fit	ing 20% or more of their income from fossil their endowment fund or publicly years?	
o Yes (3 points)	If not, has your organisation publicly committed to divest all direct investments in fossil fuels from its endowment fund?	/3
	o Yes (0.5 point)	
	o No, not yet (0 points)	
	o N/A - we do not have endowment funds	
Details:		
40. Divestment of endowment funds: Had indirect investments in fossil fuels (incl. comment fund or publicly committed to supporting evidence: confirmation from fit	to do so within the past three years?	
o Yes (3 points)	If not, has your organisation publicly committed to divest all indirect investments in fossil fuels from its endowment fund over three years ago but has not completed the process?	/3
	o Yes (0.5 point)	
	o No, not yet (0 points)	
	o N/A - we do not have endowment funds	

Details:		
41. Divestment of pension funds		
Please answer one or both of the question fund(s) your organisation has.	ns below, according to the type of pension	
Note: if both types of funds are used an av score for this section.	verage of the two scores will be taken as the	
If your organisation has a <u>defined</u> <u>benefit pension fund</u> : Has your organisation publicly divested their defined benefit pension fund default option?	If your organisation operates a defined contribution pension scheme: Has your organisation publicly declared that the default options of their defined contribution pension are divested funds?	
o Yes (4 points)	o Yes (4 points)	
o No, not yet (0 points)	o No, not yet (0 points)	/4
If not, has your organisation publicly committed to divest from its defined benefit pension fund default option within the past three years?	If not, has your organisation publicly committed to divesting the default option within the past three years?	
o Yes, within the last three years (3 points)	o Yes (3 points)	
o Yes, over three years ago but the process is not completed (1 point)		
o No, not yet (0 points)	o No, not yet (0 points)	
o N/A	o N/A	
communities and align with climate justic	ents in climate solutions that consider local ce goals?	
More info: Climate Justice - United Nations Sustainab	<u>le Development</u>	
Ethical investing explained - Which?	•	
Supporting evidence: confirmation from finance team		/1
o Yes (1 point)		
o No, not yet (0 points)		

o N/A - we do not have endowment funds	
Details:	
43. Transparency: has your organisation published a full list* of endowment holdings (including in sub funds) which is available to the public? *At least either the 200 largest holdings or the largest holdings comprising 80% of the fund value. Supporting evidence: link to list o Yes (1 point) o No, not yet (0 points)	/1
o N/A	
Details:	
44. Transparency: has your organisation published a full list* of pension holdings (including in sub funds) which is available to the public? *At least either the 200 largest holdings or the largest holdings comprising 80% of the fund value. Supporting evidence: link to list o Yes (1 point) o No, not yet (0 points) o N/A Details:	/1
BANKING	
45. Does your organisation bank with a bank that itself has an ethical investment policy and does not finance companies opening new fossil fuel reserves? You can check this via this website: https://bank.green 'They [the banks] will play no part in the provision of loans, underwriting or investments to aid the expansion of fossil fuel extraction, production or infrastructure' Supporting evidence: please state name of bank o Yes (1 point) o No, not yet (0 points) o Not sure - please provide the name of the bank and we can check for you	/1

Details:	
INSURANCE	
46. Is your organisation insured by an insurance provider that does NOT insure/reinsure fossil fuel companies OR invest in fossil fuel companies?	
Supporting evidence: please state name of insurance company	/1
o Yes (1 point)	
o No, not yet (0 points)	
o Not sure - please provide the name of the insurance company and we can check for you	
Total score for finance	/15

ADVOCACY

47. Has your organisation publicly declared a climate and ecological emergency?	
Supporting evidence: link to declaration e.g. on website.	
o Yes (1 points)	/1
o No, not yet (0 points)	
Details:	
48. Does your organisation consult communities disproportionately impacted by climate change, ecological degradation and pollution to aid decision-making on climate action?	
Climate change poses complex social challenges, requiring collaboration across organisations and communities to work together to achieve positive change. Engagement with communities can provide key insights to guide decision-making.	/1
o Yes (1 point)	
o No, not yet (0 points)	
Details:	
49. Has your organisation signed the fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty letter (independently of UKHACC)?	
More info: <u>Health Professionals Call for a Fossil Fuel Treaty</u> — The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative	
o Yes (1 point)	/1
o No (0 points)	
Details:	
50. Is your organisation a member of the UK Health Alliance on Climate Change (UKHACC)?	
More info: <u>UK Health Alliance on Climate Change</u>	
o Yes (1 point)	/1
o No, it is not yet a member (0 points)	

Details:		
51. Between October 10th 2021 - 31st December 2022, has to influence legislation relating to climate and health? Plea were via UKHACC.		
A maximum of two examples will be counted from work dor	ne via UKHACC.	
Examples might include working with other organisations we to form working groups or promoting the work of UKHACC with policymakers on issues such as: the health impacts of composition; ecological degradation; COP26 and COP27; Green airport expansion; the opening of new coal mines/fracking/ending the subsidising of fossil fuels and improving access to the social justice issues associated with all of the above?	with the goal of engaging limate change; air New Deal; green jobs; oil and gas exploration;	
Supporting evidence: details of actions, with links if possible.		/10
o Yes (please give examples below - 2 points per val	lid example)	
o No, not yet (0 points)		
Examples:	Via UKHACC?	
1.	Yes/No	
2.	Yes/No	
3.	No	
4.	No	
5.	No	
52. Does your organisation encourage members to take act change?	tion against climate	
For example, see RCPCH's toolkit: Toolkit to support paediatricians approaching their local cou	ıncils about air pollution	
Supporting evidence: proof of action		/1
o Yes (1 point)		
o No, not yet (0 points)		
Details:		
	Total score for advocacy	/15

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Internal operations	/25
Education and training	/15
Finance	/15
Advocacy	/15
Total score	/70

Is your organisation doing anything else in response to the climate and ecological emergency that you would like to share? We would love to hear about any plans your organisation has in the pipeline or any examples of good practice that could be shared with other health organisations.		