



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY IN QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

Our 8th Quality Improvement Network, demonstrated the positive impact Quality Improvement can have on our environment, together we explored how we can blend the 'triple bottom line' into how we use Quality Improvement practice to allow us to evaluate the sustainable value of any change we make. The Network followed our tried and tested format, taking attendees on a journey where they **connect, learn, share & improve** together.

Environmental Sustainability in Quality Improvement

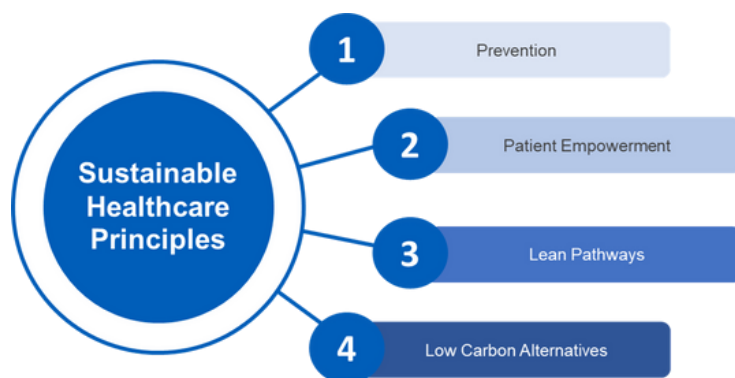
Record numbers joined, with 70 members joining the live event. The session had a sociable start, with members breaking out into smaller groups for an informal networking opportunity to **connect**.

Helen Payne of Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (MPFT) led delegates through our **learn** section together. We explored what we mean by a 'Greener NHS' and how we integrate environmental sustainability into Quality Improvement, whilst still giving consideration to the 'triple bottom line', to consider all impacts an improvement may have, whether it's financial, social or environmental. The consideration and measure of impacts in all 3 areas should be used to support the overall value of an improvement in healthcare.

The Network gave the opportunity to **share** a real project story, demonstrating the environmental impact through Quality Improvement methodology and how this approach can enable sustained improvements that can be shared across organisations and the wider Integrated Care Systems to support shared learning and spread greater impact.

Attendees then re-joined their groups to share their own examples of where sustainability had not been thought about and to identify any opportunities to **improve** by reducing the impact on the environment?

From ideas generated attendees were asked to consider taking one action away from the Network - these are shared in the pledges overleaf :)



Benefits to members - tools and resources

Our January Network provides members with:

- [video recording](#) from the event
- [presentation slide set](#)
- Case studies - discussed in the 'story share'
 - [Eliminating single use plastic cups - original case study](#)
 - [Darwin sustainability project - through share and spread of QI approach](#)
 - [Quality Improvement for 'Prescriptions' and the unintended positives on environmental impact](#)
- [Our Planet, Our People Resource Pack](#) from the Centre for Sustainable Healthcare
- [Our member pledges](#) to improve the impact on the environment through Quality Improvement



Support for QI projects, training opportunities and further resources can be found at:

- [Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin ICS](#)
- [Staffordshire & Stoke on Trent ICS](#)
- or by email to systemCQI@mpft.nhs.uk

Our Next Network Event - 18th April 2024 @ 10.30pm to 12noon

An online MS Teams event - all Network members will automatically receive a diary invitation