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Public Health Wales Sustainability Report 2013-2014

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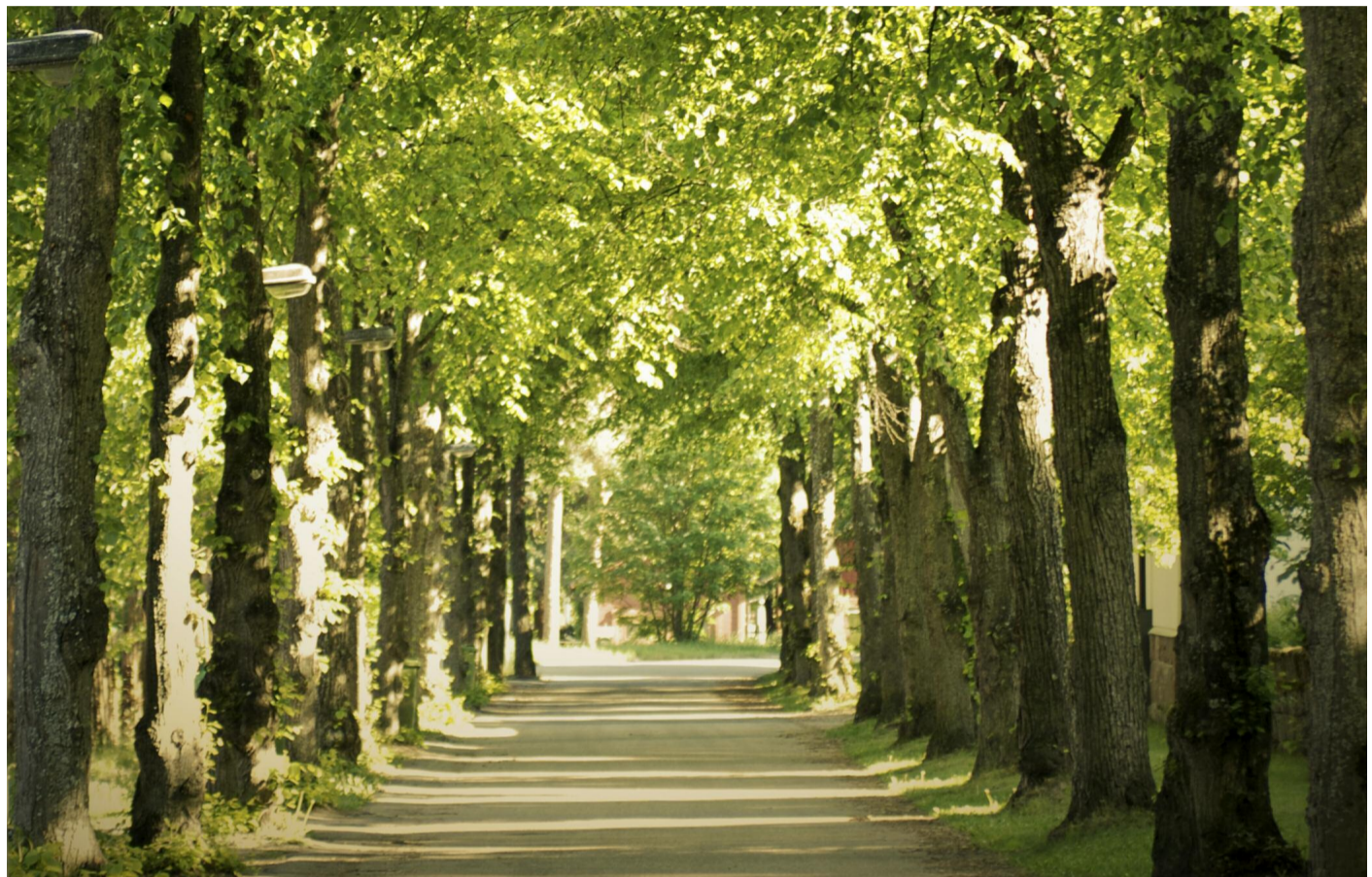
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Overview

Public Health Wales' commitment to sustainable development is reflected in its inclusion as a key organisational priority for the coming three years. This reflects our intention to embed sustainable development as a central organising principle and exploit its links with public health, particularly in relation to the long term outcomes that we want for Wales.

While progress in developing and taking forward our approach to sustainable development has been slower than anticipated, we believe that, through establishing it as a key organisational priority, our support to the Wellbeing of Future Generations Bill and the implementation of the Our Space Programme we are well placed moving forward.

Key achievements during 2013/14

Public Health Wales has been engaged in the development of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Bill and ensuring that links are made between this and proposed public health legislation.

The legislation will provide Public Health Wales with the opportunity to engage the wider organisation over our future approach to sustainability and will also inform future planning and action through the development of our objectives that contribute towards the wellbeing goals.

Launch of *Our Space* Programme

Public Health Wales' vision for *Our Space* is to create "a workplace for the future which enables efficient, effective and flexible ways of working". Sustainability is a key aspect of this project with a number of potential benefits, particularly increased emergency efficiency,

reduced travel and a consequent reduction in our carbon footprint.

Increased use of technology such as video conferencing

Public Health Wales invested approximately £10,000 in video conferencing equipment during 2013/14, facilitating future reductions in travel.

Development of a sustainability reporting process

The Planning and Performance Team have developed a reporting process to support the development of the Sustainable Development Annual Report.

The process will be reviewed annually to ensure it is fit for purpose and complies with the Manual for Accounts.

Overview of performance

The purpose of this section is to provide a summary of Public Health Wales' performance during 2013/14. The information provided aims to conform to the requirements for public sector bodies in reporting on sustainability,

which are set out in the Financial Reporting Manual (FRM).

As an all Wales organisation, Public Health Wales has a presence in over 50 locations, which includes accommodation that is owned,

leased or provided by/shared with other NHS organisations. Financial and non-financial information is not currently available for all premises.

Summary of 2013/14 performance

Area	Financial Indicator			Consumption			Emissions (1000 tonnes of CO ₂ e)		
	11/12	12/13	13/14	11/12	12/13	13/14	11/12	12/13	13/14
Official business travel	£663,356	£696,256	£902,635	1,560,254 business miles	1,600,453 business miles	1,775,880 business miles	489	490	541
Estate Energy - electricity	£125,240	£174,815	£160,129 ¹	371,067 kWh	682,684 kWh	1,010,967 kWh ²	171	304	500 ³
Estate Energy - gas	£43,169	£69,134	£51,868 ⁴	576,551 kWh	717,396 kWh	1,008,418 kWh ⁵	107	132	187 ⁶
Estate Water	£10,131	£16,373	£11,733 ⁷	2,628 Cu.metres	3,318 Cu.metres	14,889 Cu.metres ⁸	N/A	N/A	N/A
Estate Waste	£45,386	£7,021	£6,308 ⁹	N/A	1,331,390 Litres	13.5 tonnes ¹⁰	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	£887,282	£963,599	£1,132,673	N/A	N/A	N/A	767	926	1,228

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Commentary on Performance

Due to the nature of Public Health Wales' estate, not all locations can provide equivalent consumption and energy costs. As a result, they should not be compared within this report.

The figures detailed in the performance table show, in some cases, significant increases on those reported for 2012/2013. These include:

- ▶ Increased official business travel costs as a result of higher mileage payments and increased staff numbers. Using the average mileage rate for 2012/13 this year's costs would be approximately £849,758. (This can only be an approximate figure due to using an average mileage rate and the timing of the introduction of the new rates.)
- ▶ Slight reductions in electricity and gas costs due to discrepancies in reporting, which will be reviewed during 2014/15
- ▶ Reduction in water costs due to additional charges being included for some buildings
- ▶ Increased energy consumption due to additional sites reporting figures from 2012/13 and an increase in the size of the organisation .

The CO_{2e} emissions have been calculated using the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs *Greenhouse Gas Conversion Factor Repository*.

Environmental Management Governance

The lead for key areas of sustainability/ environmental management within Public Health Wales is currently split between the Executive Director of Planning and Performance and Board Secretary respectively. Environmental/facilities issues are reported by the Board Secretary to the Executive Team and Board through a monthly report.

Further work is required to develop and strengthen the organisation's Environmental Management Governance during 2014/15, particularly in relation to sustainability reporting. It is the intention that local premises managers will report quarterly consumption and costs through an online database.

Working towards ISO 14001

As a result of the Our Space programme, it has been agreed to progress achieving ISO 14001 once the number of properties has been reduced.

Currently environmental concerns are brought to the Board's attention via the Board Secretary's monthly report and are entered onto an online reporting system.

Systems for collecting data will be developed as preparatory work for ISO 14001.

Advice will be sought from the Shared Services Environmental Manager as to what measures are required to ensure any new premises are as environmentally friendly as possible.

Key deliverables for 2014/15

- ▶ Development of environmental management governance arrangements
- ▶ Reduction of our carbon footprint through making better use of improved technology and reducing the need for travel
- ▶ Supporting the development of a Public Health Outcomes Framework for Wales and alignment, where possible, with outcomes developed as part of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Bill
- ▶ Progress towards ISO 14001
- ▶ Raising staff awareness of the importance of sustainable development through engagement with the Future Generations Bill
- ▶ Further development of reporting processes and collection of data
- ▶ Scope possibilities of improving sustainability through more effective use of procurement.