

A written statement from Marie Brousseau-Navarro, the current Deputy Commissioner and Director for Health:

“Hello, I’m Marie Brousseau-Navarro and as the Deputy Future Generations Commissioner for Wales and Director for Health, I would encourage the whole primary care sector and contractors to sign up to the Greener Primary Care Wales Framework and Award Scheme. I was honoured to present the well-deserved Healthier Wales NHS Welsh Sustainability Award 2024 to the team who created the Scheme.

The climate and nature emergencies are directly impacting our health, and human health directly depends on planet health. By registering your practice and completing actions within the Framework you’ll be contributing towards a more sustainable healthcare system, a more sustainable Wales and a Globally Responsible Wales which both our present and future generations desperately need.

We know that our healthcare systems are responsible for high emissions and high levels of waste. And not just our big hospitals, but our community pharmacies, our dental and general practices, and optometry too. We need to make the links between climate change and the health of our communities and act at pace. We all have a role to play, and this Framework helps us adopt a wide breadth of actions which can suit anyone.

The Greener Primary Care Wales Framework is designed to help change our practices and behaviours, it is fun, rewarding and aligned with our collective values and care. Your actions could be anything from changing procurement models, changing how we travel, reducing our waste and managing our carbon footprint. Start small but please scale up your action so you soon feel truly adventurous.

Signing up will help provide a better present and a better future for our children and their future generations. Find out how you can do your bit for free by signing up to the Greener Primary Care Wales Framework and Award Scheme today!”

