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## Session Objectives

- 1. Gain an understanding of the purpose and benefits of the e-learning module; its content and how it can be accessed
- 2. Become familiar with the 'Top Ten Tips' and its application to the dental setting

# E-learning Module An Introduction to Sustainable Dentistry and Measuring Carbon in Healthcare

Free educational resource on sustainability in dentistry for health care professionals delivering NHS services

### Aims:

- Introduction to sustainability in healthcare
- Guidance on the practical application of sustainability principles in the dental setting

## E-learning Module

- Collaboration between HEE, CSH and E-Ifh
- E-lfh free online platform for healthcare professionals on wide range of topics in health care & social care



## E-learning Module

### Content

- Introduction to climate change
- Wider determinants of health
- Legislation
- Carbon foot-printing & dental examples
- Main principles of sustainable practice
- Examples within dental settings





Climate Change Act 2008

**CHAPTER 27** 

The environment is a major determinant of health; health and the environment are not separate entities but co-exist. Hence, protection of the environment is essential for ensuring the health of people and communities.

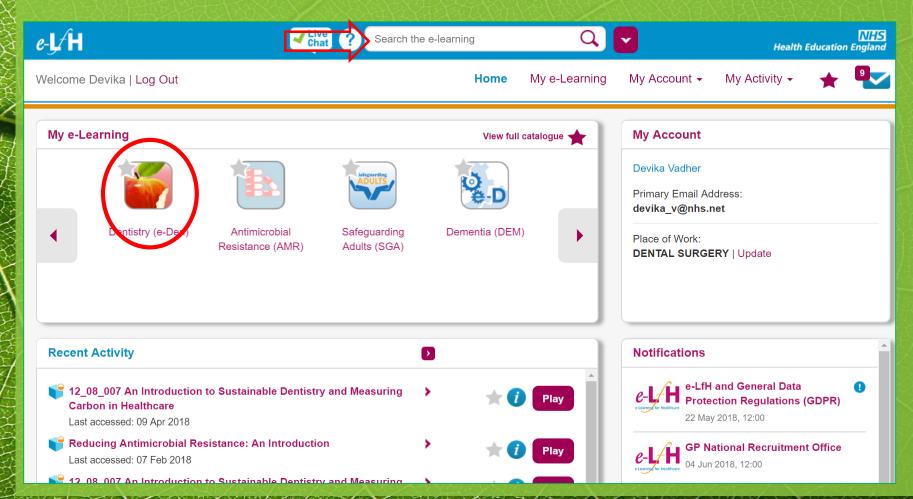
To achieve good health there needs to be a balance in the interactions between human activity and the environment.

Biological, chemical and physical agents in the environment cause millions of deaths

Some climate effects are well understood, for example, heat waves and flooding. However, others less well so, for example, changes in crop yields and infectious disease transmission. Some impacts are uncertain due to political. population, social and economic factors



# E-learning Module Access https://portal.e-lfh.org.uk/



## E-learning Module Access

NICE Guidance (NICE)

Radiation Protection (RDP)

Research, Audit and Quality Improvement (R&A)

Safe Prescribing (SPB)

Safeguarding Adults (SGA)

Safeguarding Children and Young People (SGC)



## E-learning Module

- Accessed by a range of professionals not just dentists
- Various locations & health care settings
- Educational resource foundation dentists

### Future uses

- Widen scope of use
- Integrate into training programmes



### TOP 10 TIPS **FOR** SUSTAINABLE DENTISTRY

10. ADAPT

 Introduce emergency resilience procedures e.g. business continuity planning in case of flooding

- Be aware of legislation re, duty of care, and your responsibility to take a holistic approach to patient care
- Refer to guidelines and evidence based practice

#### 2. UNDERSTAND THE FACTS

1. PREVENT

Promote healthy lifestyles & diets: encourage a diet in

locally sourced fruit & veg

the need for treatment:

advice about oral health

deliver preventative

Empower patients to reduce

#### . RECONSIDER SEDATION

- Consider alternative methods: patient management first then sedation and general anaesthetic as a last resort
- Using nitrous oxide can make up 80-90% of the procedure's carbon footprint

#### 4. COMMUNICATE BETTER

- Offer advice over the phone to reduce unnecessary travel
- Go paperless where possible: send reminders via text / email

Sustainable dentistry is good for patients and good for the practice www.networks.sustainablehealthcare.org.uk/dental-susnet

Dentistry has environmental impacts which affect health and healthcare.



#### 5. PRESCRIBE LESS

- Only prescribe where necessary and accurate
- Drugs have a considerable carbon footprint & repeat antibiotic use leads to resistance

#### **6. PROCURE MINDFULLY**

- Purchase less & re-use
- Bulk buy & consolidate lab work & deliveries
- Consider the sustainability of the manufacturing process when purchasing equipment

#### 9. DRIVE LESS

- Encourage staff & patients to use public transport, car pool, cycle or walk
- Adopt cycle friendly policies for staff and provide cycle racks on site

#### 8. SAVE ENERGY

- Use energy saving bulbs & sensors
- Switch off equipment when not in use - this reduces cost and energy consumption

#### REDUCE, RE-USE, RECYCLE

- Reduce waste: use digital x-rays
- Segregate waste correctly to save on disposal costs and pollution from incineration
- Provide recycling bins

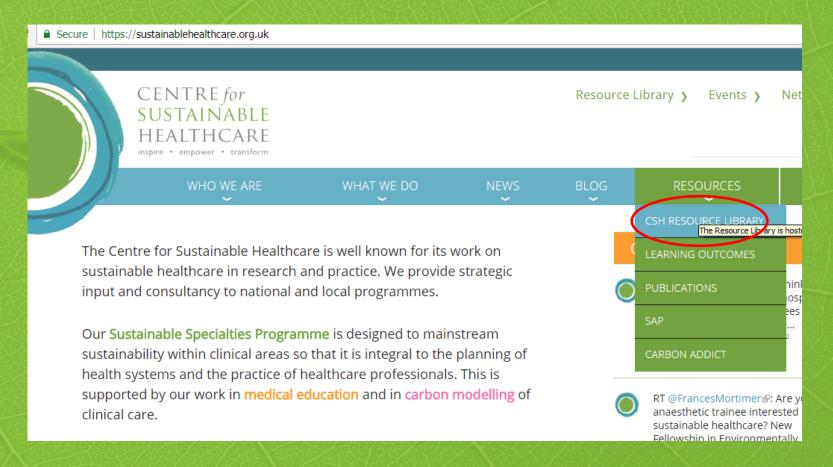
https://networks.sustainablehealthcare.org.uk/networks/dental-susnet/10-top-tips-sustainable-dentistry-poster

## Top 10 Tips

- 1. PREVENTION
- 2. UNDERSTAND THE FACTS
- 3. DRIVE LESS
- 4. COMMUNICATE BETTER
- 5. SWITCH OFF
- 6. MINDFUL PROCUREMENT
- 7. PRESCRIBE LESS
- 8. RECONSIDER SEDATION
- 9. REDUCE & RECYCLE
- 10. ADAPTATION



# Top 10 Tips Access https://sustainablehealthcare.org.uk



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The study analyses the impact of service provision at different locations on health outcomes, cost of service, carbon emissions and patients and their families.

Source: Centre for Sustainable Healthcare June, 2018

#### SHE Network Representative Role Description

Information Resource Submitted 2 days 6 hours ago by Joey Brooke.

Interested in becoming a SHE representative for your university? We are looking for students and staff to join our growing network.

☐ SHE network staff representative 2018.docx

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Source: All content ☐ CSH 2016 June, 2018

Carbon mitigation, patient choice and cost reduction - triple bottom line optimisation for health care

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## Top 10 Tips Access

Information Resource Submitted 2 days 22 hours ago by Frances Mortimer.

Duane, B., Berners Lee, M., White, S., Stancliffe, R. & Steinbach, I. BDJ (2017) 223: 589–593

#### ABSTRACT:

https://www.nature.com/articles/sj.bdj.2017.839

Source: British Dental Journal October, 2017

#### 10 Top Tips for Sustainable Dentistry poster

Communications Tool Submitted 1 month 1 week ago by Frances Mortimer.

Colour poster / leaflet giving 10 practical steps to improve the sustainability of a dental service - please feel free to use and share.

dentalsustainability10tips.pdf

Source: CSH & Health Education England KSS May, 2017

### Sustainable dentistry: E-learning module with free CPD

Educational Materials Submitted 1 year 11 months ago by Devika Vadher.

Interested in Sustainable dentistry and how to make your clinical practice more eco and patient friendly as well as make cost savings?

An Introduction to Sustainable Dentistry and Measuring Carbon in

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## Top 10 Tips

- Dental surgeries
- Practice meetings
- Trust sustainability plans
- Social media
- Distribution via PHE/HEE/LPN

















# Thanks! Any questions?

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