



Public Health Wales NHS Trust (PHW)

Primary Care Division staff win award for reducing inhaler use and disposal

- **Strategy sees 30% decrease in total carbon footprint of inhalers issued in Wales since 2022**

The PHW Primary Care Division Transformation Team won the Sustainability in Healthcare Award at the Welsh Pharmacy Awards for their role in reducing the carbon footprint of inhalers in Wales. This was achieved through the establishment and co-ordination of the *Decarbonisation: inhaler use and Disposal Task and Finish Group*.

Working with a variety of stakeholders, the group developed a strategy which sets out the ambitious actions the NHS and partners need to take to reduce the carbon impact of inhalers in Wales.

Wales has seen a 30% decrease in the total carbon footprint of inhalers issued since 2022, resulting in a reduction of 20,000 tonnes of Co2 equivalent. This is equivalent of one passenger taking 6,500 trips around the world.