NHS Quality Improvement Scotland Environmental Policy

NHS Quality Improvement Scotland believes that managing environmental matters is an integral part of our operations. Therefore we are committed to the prevention of pollution from our activities, compliance with legal and other requirements and to the continuous improvement of our Environmental Management System.

NHS Quality Improvement Scotland aims to conduct its activities in a responsible manner which seeks to:

- reduce our environmental impact
- protect the environment and biodiversity
- make prudent use of natural resources.

The Head of Corporate Secretariat is responsible for ensuring that the organisation’s Environmental Management System (EMS) achieves these aims in a way that is cost effective and compatible with NHS QIS’ business objectives. He/she is also responsible for ensuring that the EMS is developed to reflect changing legal requirements.

NHS Quality Improvement Scotland management will:

1. Ensure that NHS Quality Improvement Scotland complies with applicable legal and other requirements
2. Establish appropriate environmental performance indicators along with associated improvement targets.
3. Seek the highest operational standards at all times and periodically audit and review environmental performance.
4. Provide training to NHS Quality Improvement Scotland staff to enable them to use sound environmental practices in their day to day operations.
5. Provide information and be co-operative with those interested in the environmental performance of the Board

All NHS Quality Improvement Scotland staff will seek to:

6. Minimise avoidable waste and use energy, materials and natural resources efficiently.
7. Prevent pollution and seek to minimise the impact on the environment arising from our own operations and those aspects of our suppliers’ and sub-contractors’ operations over which we exercise control.