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About us

We want to make healthcare better for our patients today and in the future by funding innovative, nurturing and supportive projects that transform local NHS services. We provide the bridge between grateful patients and their families, and the NHS that they want to thank. We work collaboratively with our corporate partners, donors and trusts to manage their social investment in transformative healthcare to have the biggest impact.

With this support, we can fund pioneering research and new equipment, support patients and their loved ones through difficult times as well as invest in improvements to our hospitals' buildings and spaces. We also care for the people who care for you, and fund projects which develop and support staff to help them deliver exceptional healthcare to more than 300,000 patients a year.

Last year with the help of our supporters, we raised over £3.4 million. Working in partnership with North Bristol NHS Trust, and our donors, we determine where funding is best spent to have the greatest impact to transform the NHS in local communities and to deliver visionary healthcare for the future. We fund projects that:

	Improve our hospitals' buildings and spaces		Support our patients and staff
	Fund specialist equipment		Invest in pioneering research

Purpose

This policy has been created to ensure that Southmead Hospital Charity is aligned with NBTs vision of being a 'leader in the field of sustainable healthcare and using our influence to enable staff, patients, suppliers and healthcare partners achieve a sustainable and resilient health and care system for our region'.

The policy

In partnership with North Bristol NHS Trust, we will;

- **Maximise access to the natural environment for the benefit of health and wellbeing and for the prevention of avoidable illness**
- Promote staff and patient access to high quality green spaces

- **Reduce our travel related carbon emissions**
 - Encourage sustainable travel for staff, patients and visitors
 - Assess travel requests against total carbon emissions
 - Monitor and report travel related carbon emissions
 - Offset travel related carbon emissions through tree planting

- **Maximise sustainability within all our Charity Projects**
 - Ensure Sustainability Impact Assessments are completed for all projects
 - Adopt sustainable mitigation measures for all projects

- **Maximise the sustainable use of resources**
 - Conserve energy, water and other natural resources
 - Prevent, reuse and recycle our waste
 - Avoid single-use plastics, including promotional materials
 - Adopt a 'digital-first' approach, ensuring that any printed materials are FSC certified or 100% recycled paper

Please contact the charity team if you have any queries concerning our sustainability policy on hello@southmeadhospitalcharity.org.uk