



Webinar: Towards plastic-free healthcare

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About HCWH Europe



- A **non-profit membership organisation** of European hospitals, healthcare systems, healthcare professionals, local authorities, research/academic institutions, and environmental and health organisations.
- **Bringing the voice of healthcare professionals** to the European policy debate about key issues, such as: chemicals, climate change and health, sustainable procurement, pharmaceuticals, sustainable food.
- **Educating the healthcare sector** to understand the importance of the environment and press healthcare leaders and professionals to advocate for broader societal policies and changes.

HCWH Europe Programmes



Safer Chemicals



Climate-smart Healthcare



Sustainable Food



Safer Pharma



Sustainable Procurement

Global Green and Healthy Hospitals



Global Green and Healthy Hospitals (GGHH) is an international network of:

- Hospitals
- Healthcare facilities
- Health systems
- Health organisations

Members are dedicated to reducing their environmental footprint and promoting public and environmental health.



Project objectives

- Transform the use of plastics within the healthcare sector in Europe and reduce the negative impact that plastics have on both the human health and the environment.
- Support the European healthcare sector in transitioning to a circular economy model.



Approach and project outline



Research

Audits & collection of procurement data

Identify the type of plastic products used, the extent of their use, and how they are disposed of

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Education

Plastic action teams

Raise awareness amongst stakeholders on the impacts of plastic use in healthcare and actions to transform it, inspiring replication

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Innovation

Procurement working group

- Promote widespread reduction/replacement of plastic products & packaging

Market transformation workshop

- Stakeholders discuss the need for sustainable products

Expected results

Research

- *Plastics in European healthcare* toolkit and online data capture/calculator tools

Education

- Communication tools for raising awareness
- Dissemination of results and best practices

Innovation

- Products procurement criteria



Project progress



- COVID19 implications
- Procurement data for product prioritisation
- Prioritisation of PPE through working group
- Looking at success stories



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