

# Green Healthcare

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## Green Transport

### MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY NHS FOUNDATION (UK)

The **Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust** encourages sustainable mobility of visitors and staff with a sustainable travel program.

In 2018, one of the largest acute trusts in the UK was formed when two NHS trusts in Manchester merged to create the Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust. The Trust now sees over 2 million visitors every year and employs over 20,000 staff, many of whom travel to the Trust using the city's busy roads. This reliance by many staff and visitors on road transport has contributed to the organisation's high carbon emissions. Initially, the mobility programme began in 2015, prior to the merger setting targets to help reduce travel impact, focusing on areas including the increase of bus use, reduction in single-occupancy car journeys and an increase of walking and cycling, as well as other forms of active travel.

To help its staff achieve these targets, the Trust made significant improvements to infrastructure including 200 additional cycle parking spaces, two-cycle hubs for staff (including storage, lockers and showers), an extra 11 electric vehicle charging points, subsidised travel and discount schemes and a Bicycle Users Group (BUG) and Electric Vehicle (EV) Users Group.

The Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust also built motivation through several changes including personal travel advice for staff, a shuttle service between sites, updated travel information, two public bus route stops on the main sites and car clubs. The Trust also hosted monthly cycle maintenance sessions and partnered with universities to host a series of monthly cyclist breakfasts to boost morale and provide support.

Results showed general compliance from staff with over 40% now using more sustainable transport to and from work, against a 2013 baseline: 5,000 (25%) staff are using public transport to get to work, 3,000 (15%) staff are using active travel (walking, running, cycling etc), 1,500 (5%) staff are using cycling facilities.

More information at the following [Link](#).

