

## **How to Make Your GP Surgery More Environmentally Sustainable and Improving Its ESG Performance?**

There are several ways that a general practice surgery can become more environmentally sustainable and help with its environmental, social, and governance (ESG) performance:

1. **Reduce energy consumption:** Consider installing energy-efficient appliances and lighting and using natural light to reduce the need for electricity. You could also consider installing solar panels to generate your own electricity.
2. **Reduce water usage:** Install low-flow toilets and taps to reduce the amount of water used in the surgery.
3. **Reduce waste:** Encourage patients to bring their own reusable bags for prescriptions and implement a recycling program for paper, plastic, and other materials.
4. **Consider the environmental impact of the products you use:** Look for environmentally friendly cleaning products and medical supplies and consider switching to electronic medical records to reduce the use of paper.
5. **Promote sustainable transportation:** Encourage staff and patients to use public transportation, carpool, or walk or bike to the surgery.
6. **Engage with the community:** Work with local organisations to promote environmental sustainability and engage with patients on environmental issues.
7. **Consider your supply chain:** Consider the environmental impact of the products and services you purchase, and look for suppliers who have strong ESG practices.

By implementing these and other sustainability measures, GP surgeries can make a positive impact on the environment and help to improve their ESG performance.