

Procurement:

How can we make sure we're spending our money in an environmentally sustainable way?

We all need resources to carry out our work and hospitals have huge buying power. How can we make sure we are choosing environmentally sustainable items? Can we spend our way out of a climate crisis? Here are some things you could think of when putting in your next order:

Super Simple

- Choose environmentally friendly office supplies e.g. pens and recycled paper
- Swap plastic disposable cups and cutlery for re-usable or recyclable options
- Consider environmental sustainability when buying new equipment or materials – are there options for recycling or re-using components (e.g. printer cartridges)? Are there more energy efficient versions? Is it available locally (reducing travel miles)?

Diving Deeper

- Ensure that sustainability metrics are added to all tender processes
- Engage with suppliers if you spot issues that could be improved e.g. excess packaging

Eco Expert

- Measure sustainability performance of existing suppliers
- Audit and record travel miles in major components of the supply chain

Thanks for reading! Share your successes and ideas with us:

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