

What is Green Impact for Health ?

‘It is not too late to make a difference, but only if we start now at every level from local to global’

- ▶ An initiative was developed by General Practice volunteers and the Royal College of General Practitioners to help every GP surgery to improve their sustainability and environmental impact
- ▶ The idea was to reduce their harmful impact on planetary health, the risks of climate change and reduce their practice expenses
- ▶ Northbourne wanted to be involved - we looked at everyday changes that we could make both within the surgery and to improve patient care
- ▶ Recycling - paper and medical items. Did you know your pharmacy can recycle your empty Inhalers - we didn't until now
- ▶ Heating and lighting Purchasing Fairtrade tea and coffee Simple things that all add up
- ▶ Signposting patients differently - promoting self care, pooling resources and training
- ▶ Re-assessing GP workload to concentrate on patient care