

Fact Sheet: Green Hospital

What is Green Hospital?

- A Green Hospital aims to reduce its environmental impact
- It uses energy, water, and materials more efficiently to lower resource consumption
- It reduces waste through proper waste separation and fewer single-use products
- It chooses environmentally friendly products and follows sustainable procurements practices
- It trains staff to follow environmentally responsible procedures in daily work

Facts and Figures

- Green Hospitals exist in Germany, Austria and Switzerland
- Currently 36 Green Hospitals are listed in Germany, however its probably more
- In total, there are around 1800 hospitals in Germany
- A Hospital uses as much energy as a small town
- Around 600 million euros are wasted in energy every year

Facts about UKGM

- Is one of the largest university hospitals in Germany
- Plays an important role in medical education and patient care
- Is part of Green Hospital

What does the UKGM do for Sustainability

- Waste Management (in the operating room)
 - Try to reduce single- use materials
 - Place yellow bags for plastic waste
 - Glass waste is collected separately
- Nutrition
 - Offer more plant-based meals
 - Provide vegetarian and vegan options
 - Freeze food to avoid food waste
- Energy
 - Use LED lights, motion sensors
 - Improve building insulation
 - Modernize heating
 - Install solar panels
- Medication
 - Some inhaled anaesthetics have very high climate impact
 - Use alternatives when possible

