**Sustainability SPIN Fellow**

* **Hours:** 1 session per week i.e., 2 days per month (4 hours 0.1 WTE)
* **Duration:** Up to 2 years

We have an exciting opportunity for a GP SPIN Fellow to work in South West London on Sustainability.

This role is for one session per week, but there is scope to be flexible with how these hours are spent across the month. We envisage that a significant element of the role will be remote, but we do anticipate some travel and face to face meetings.

**Background:**

The Sustainability GP SPIN Fellow will support the work of the South West London (SWL) NHS Green Plan with a focus on Primary Care.

The SWL NHS Green Plan (2023-25) is in its second year of delivery, supporting the Greener NHS national programme and its ambition to achieve the national target of net zero emissions by 2040.

Our programme of work takes a collaborative approach and spans ten domains that cut across care settings in our health system: Workforce and Leadership, Estates and Waste, Digital, Travel and Transport, Data, Medicines, Adaptation, Sustainable Models of Care, Supply Chain and Procurement, Food and Nutrition.

Climate change has a significant impact on public health. Primary care is a key supporter in engaging with our communities to tackle climate change and improve health outcomes. This is why we have created the role of Sustainability SPIN Fellow. We want to ensure that we raise the profile of sustainability and galvanise activities in primary care, and that we support this essential workforce with the tools and materials they require.

**The Role:**

This system role is hosted by the ICB (Integrated Care Board), which works with health and care partners across six boroughs (Croydon, Merton, Kingston, Richmond, Sutton, and Wandsworth) to plan and deliver joined up services and to improve the health of people who live and work in its communities.

This role offers an opportunity to develop a portfolio career and to raise profile of sustainability within SWL, by providing essential clinical leadership in this area.

We are looking for someone with a keen interest in sustainability and climate issues and a passion for sharing your knowledge and skills with the future healthcare workforce. A key element of this role is around sharing knowledge and expertise through training, communications, and other networking opportunities so it will suit someone who enjoys these activities.

We have identified the following key priorities for immediate focus and expect objectives to evolve as progress is made.

* Workforce and Leadership: We need to support our primary care colleagues with the tools, knowledge and understanding to engage with Public and Patients on sustainability.
* Air quality: This is an important public health issue, and we need to ensure that we are working with public health to ensure that primary care staff, patients and the public have the right resources and tools.
* Carbon impact of medicines: We need to work with primary care to reduce the carbon impact of inhalers whilst also ensuring patients receive the best possible care in line with guidance.
* Sustainable Models of Care: Looking at services in primary care to support them to reduce their carbon footprint.
* Estates Decarbonisation and the Green Impact for Health Toolkit: We want to encourage practices to reduce energy consumption and their carbon footprints, for example via using the GP Green Practice Toolkit or using the outputs of the recently completed Primary Care Carbon Baselining Exercise.

**Support:**

You will be supported on a day-to-day basis by the SWL Head of Sustainability (non-clinical role), who can provide direction in relation to the delivery of the programme and tasks.

You will also work closely with SWL Clinical Sustainability Lead (Clinical Role). This function will be discharged by a Clinical Lead for SWL who will hold a portfolio of priority areas including sustainability.

**Collaboration:**

We are fortunate enough to work with colleagues from lots of different backgrounds and areas of the NHS, all of whom are passionate about sustainability. You will have the opportunity to work with a range of stakeholders across, but not limited to:

* Primary care
* Integrated Care Board
* Acute trusts
* Primary Care Training Hub
* Pharmacy teams
* Local authorities
* Voluntary organisations

**Applying:**

If you are interested in this opportunity, then please send an expression of interest to sarah.mcinnes@swlondon.nhs.uk. Please mark in the subject header that it is regarding the Sustainability GP SPIN Fellow and outline the reasons for your interest. Please reply by the **25th of March**. Once we receive your application, we will arrange a meeting to discuss the opportunity in more depth.