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*Centre for Sustainable Healthcare is recruiting*

## NHS FOREST and GREENSPACE: PROGRAMME LEAD

Full-time for 15 months: November 2018 (or asap thereafter) – March 2020 with potential to extend.

Salary: £28,000 - £33,000 pa (plus contributory pension).

How can the environment contribute to people's health? Should healthcare professionals engage with climate change? How can we mainstream environmental interventions within health and social care systems? Do you want to take a lead role in this important transformation?

If you have worked on this interface from either the health or the environmental side and want a new challenge, working with a friendly and dynamic team, this is a great opportunity for you to use your expertise. The Centre for Sustainable Healthcare is recruiting a new person to lead local and national programmes to take forward this agenda in both the health and environment sectors.

Working as part of a well-established team, you will have the opportunity to develop your existing skills in project development and management, and managing external partnerships, while growing your understanding of environmental sustainability as it relates to health. You will lead on our NHS Forest programme – overseeing a range of initiatives such as NHS Forest sites, Green Health Routes and engagement programmes.

You will mainly deliver two funded projects – firstly a national evaluation of NHS Forest sites, and secondly a programme in Oxfordshire to increase physical activity in the outdoors among disadvantaged families. You are also likely to deliver some local green health route activities, and potentially project delivery at specific NHS Forest sites. You will have the opportunity to make presentations at national and international meetings, write reports and papers and expand vibrant networks with excellent collaboration.

The Centre for Sustainable Healthcare is a registered charity based in Oxford well known for its work on sustainable healthcare in research and practice. We provide strategic input and consultancy to national and local programmes. Our **Sustainable Specialties Programme** is designed to mainstream sustainability within clinical areas so that it is integral to the planning of health systems and the practice of healthcare professionals. This is supported by our work in **medical education**.

Our **greenspace projects**, especially our **NHS Forest**, assist organisations to improve their natural environment and reconnect their staff, patients and the wider community with their local greenspace to benefit their health. See more on our projects at [www.nhsforest.org](http://www.nhsforest.org) and <http://sustainablehealthcare.org.uk/what-we-do/green-space-and-health>

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- To apply please email your CV and cover letter to [info@sustainablehealthcare.org.uk](mailto:info@sustainablehealthcare.org.uk)
  - Proposed start date November 2018 or asap thereafter
  - Closing date for applications: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018, 5pm
  - Interviews: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018

For further information on job, person and project specification, please see details at <http://sustainablehealthcare.org.uk/> . For any questions please contact [info@sustainablehealthcare.org.uk](mailto:info@sustainablehealthcare.org.uk)

## Job Specification

1. Manage the national NHS Forest programme including organisation of the annual national conference
2. Partnership working- visit NHS sites, motivate sites to be part of the project
3. Publicity/Communication - good understanding of social media, communicate central messages, write regular newsletter, update website
4. Manage and deliver Lottery funded and other projects including budgets, project plans, setting objectives, targets and timelines. These include: <https://sustainablehealthcare.org.uk/news/2018/09/families-active-sporting-together> and a project to evaluate three NHS Forest sites in Essex, Lancashire and London.
5. Research and review health related documents, write literature reviews, present research findings at conferences and feed results into policy documents.
6. Organise and deliver Green Health Route activities (<https://nhsforest.org/green-health-routes>) and tree planting days.

## Person Specification

### Essential

- Evidence of ability to organise and manage own work
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Good at networking and relationship-building
- Project development and management
- Good at innovation and problem-solving
- Enthusiasm for improving the environmental sustainability of health services
- IT skills - proficiency in:
  - word processing and data spreadsheets
  - use of email, online discussion fora, blogs

### Desirable

- Demonstrated previous commitment to environmental sustainability
- Experience of leading or managing behaviour change
- Experience of research, training or teaching
- Experience of working in or with health or social care

## Location

The office is in Oxford, UK. The role will require some travel within the UK to NHS site visits, meetings and conferences.