

# Healthcare Sustainability

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**What is healthcare sustainability**

**Why is it relevant to me**

**How will it help my patients**

**What can I do to help**

Due to waiting lists  
we have overbooked  
your clinic again

FYI - Mr Bloggs' GP  
has sent him in for  
persistently high BMS

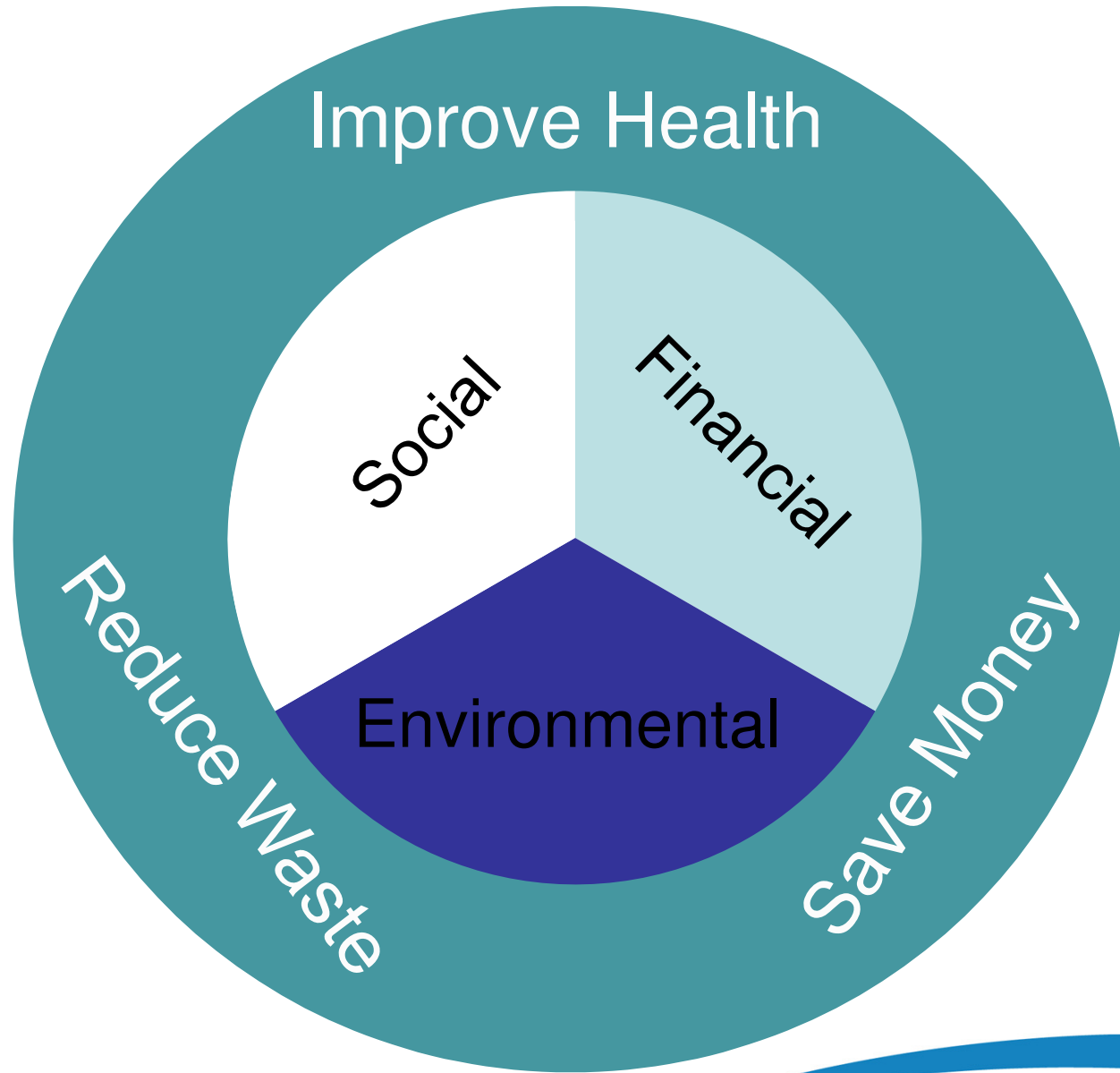
I cant access the  
blood test your GP  
did - could we repeat  
them?

We will bring you  
back because they  
cant fit you in today



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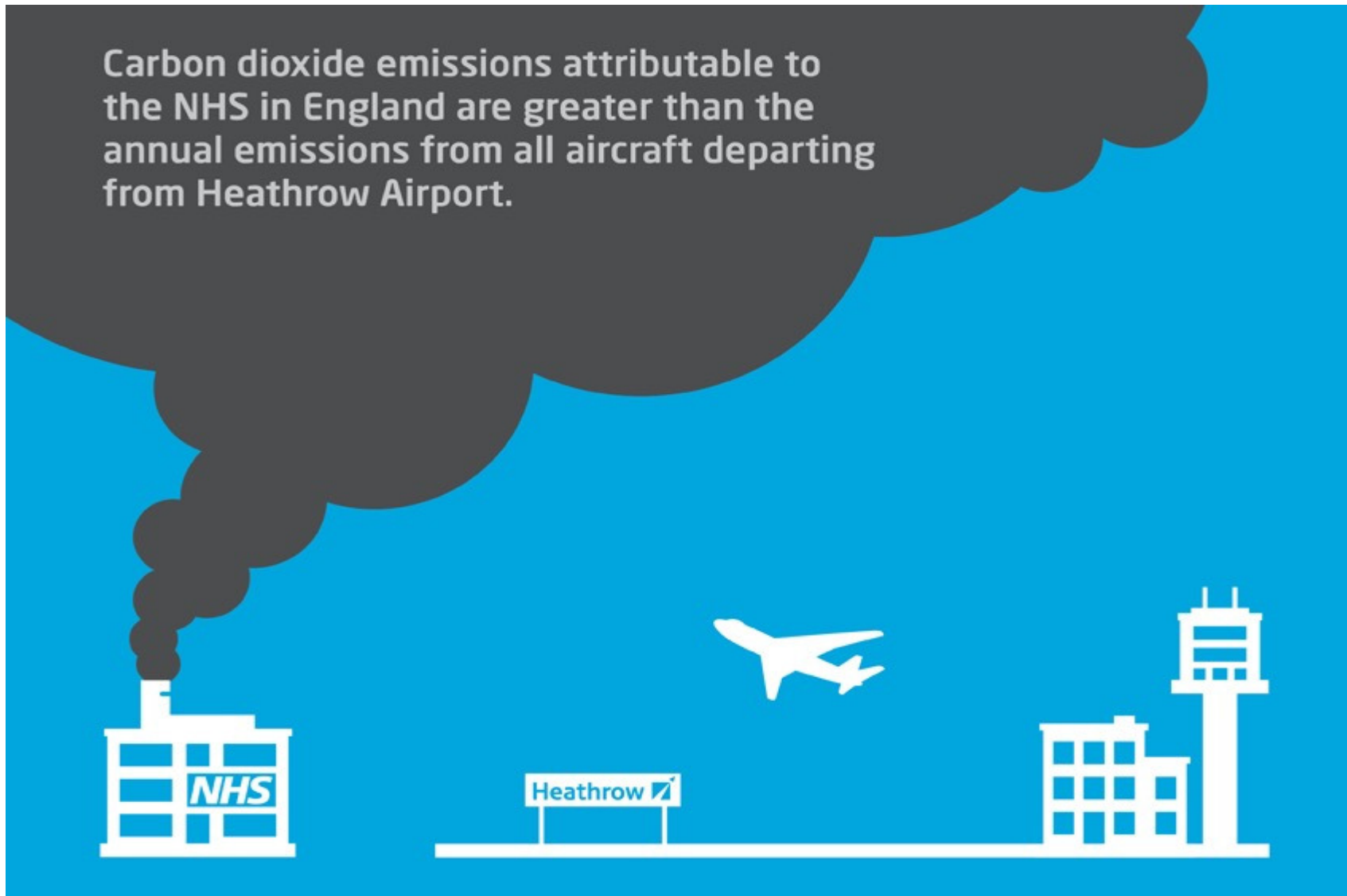
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Carbon dioxide emissions attributable to the NHS in England are greater than the annual emissions from all aircraft departing from Heathrow Airport.



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# THE LANCET

**“Climate change is the biggest global health threat of the 21st century”**

16th May 2009



## Eat, sleep, recycle

Improving sustainability in  
the health sector

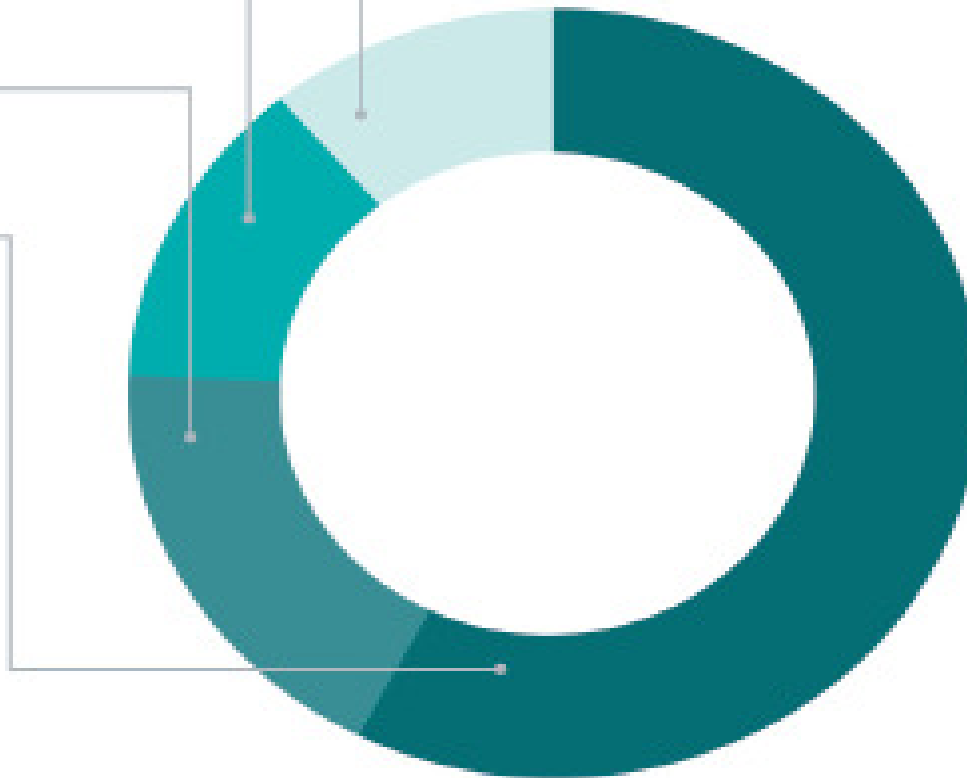
**Building a sustainable NHS:**  
engaging patients and the public

Commissioned health and care services from outside system 11%

Travel 13%

Building energy 18%

Procurement 57%



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# operation

Turn off - Lights out - Close doors

# TLC

**£428,000**

FINANCIAL SAVINGS PER ANNUM  
THAT'S ENOUGH FOR  
**18 NEW NURSES**

**1,900**  
TONNES CO<sub>2</sub>  
SAVED PER ANNUM



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# What is your college doing?

- Procurement
- Models of Care
- Promote good practice
- Lead by example

# THANK YOU

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