



Seymour Health are committed to improving the sustainable environment through community awareness and commitment of staff to implement efficiencies across the organisation. As a health service, we have a responsibility to rise to the challenges and contribute to a sustainable environment through planned and well managed policies and actions.

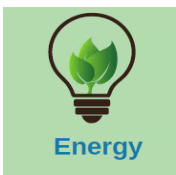
This approach to a sustainable environment is highlighted in Seymour Health’s Strategic Plan

Goal 5: Responsibly meeting future health care needs

Strategy: Provide a responsible and efficient working environment

2020-21 Achievements

- Environmental Sustainability working group meetings are undertaken to consider new initiatives and report progress on the Environmental Action Plan

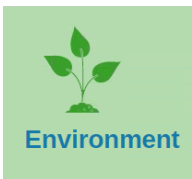


Energy

- Solar panels project: Solar panels installed main hospital building
- Online newsletters available to staff and community
- Digital screens displaying information to staff and visitors
- Implementation of on-line temperature monitoring for fridges



Technology



Environment

- Environmentally friendly biodegradable disposable containers and cups
- Vehicle fleet includes hybrid fleet vehicles

- Barrabill House additional beds project incorporates environmental planning with natural and energy efficient lighting and enhanced technology



Capital Projects



Waste

- Upgraded signage for Clinical Waste disposal / correct separation of waste
- Ongoing consideration of disposal of recycling, including IVbages
- Ongoing consideration of disposal of hard rubbish and e’waste

- Ongoing replacement plan of bottled water with plumbed potable water.



Water

Greenhouse gas emissions

Greenhouse gas emissions trend line is reducing slightly each year.

Greenhouse gas emissions	2017/2018	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Greenhouse gas emissions (tonnes CO2e)	1,602	1,609	1,565	1,544

Energy and Water

Electricity usage has increased due to building works. Reduction in electricity is expected in 2021-22 with the implementation of solar panels (delayed due to Covid-19). Gas usage has returned to 2017-18 usage, post UCC redevelopment works. Infrastructure damage impacted on the usage of potable water. This has since been rectified. The Barrabill House additional beds project will consider attributes which provide environmental benefits to our staff and consumers in future years.

Energy	2017/2018	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Electricity (GJ)	4,428	4,586	4,544	4,663
Natural Gas (GJ)	5,307	4,769	5,377	5,336
WATER				
Potable Water (KL)	11,324	10,875	12,806	16,899

Waste and Recycling

Seymour Health actively seeks opportunities to reduce the environmental impact of waste/landfill. Data includes secured document disposal and toner waste recycle.

Waste	2017/2018	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Total waste generated (kg clinical waste+kg general waste+kg recycling waste)	117,194	135,367	115,458	111,791
Recycling rate % (kg recycling / (kg general waste+kg recycling))	30.51	41.06	29.59	31.98

Paper

"Follow me" printing has reduced the paper usage per FTE

Paper	2017/2018	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Total reams of paper	1,135	1,061	1,075	1,061
Reams of paper per FTE	7.99	7.47	7.36	6.67
Rate recycled paper % (0% - 49%)	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Note: 2020/21 full year data is estimated at 30 June and may be updated for future reporting.