



Dear Colleagues,

**SCOTTISH HEALTH TECHNICAL NOTE SUSTAINABLE
DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION (SDaC) GUIDE (SHTN
02-01)**

This letter refers to new Scottish Health Technical Note [Sustainable Design and Construction \(SDaC\) Guide \(SHTN 02-01\)](#) for NHSScotland use. This Guidance has been issued to ensure Boards have a method for assessing and evidencing compliance with [A Policy For NHS Scotland On The Climate Emergency And Sustainable Development \(DL\(2021\)38\)](#) when undertaking new build or refurbishment work.

The scope of the guidance is to detail the considerations required to deliver sustainable performance outcomes. The guidance includes additional supporting standards, signposting to good practice case studies, and reference to several leading industry frameworks, methodologies and detailed sustainability targets that apply to the NHSScotland estate. The guidance is largely related to new build and refurbishment projects but can be utilised across the estate, through the lifecycle of an asset, to help deliver sustainable outcomes.

The use of SHTN 02-01 is mandatory for all new builds and refurbishments from the date of this letter. The Scottish Government Health and Social Care Directorates may agree exceptions in writing to this requirement for projects which have already commenced and are far advanced. The requirement to use SHTN 02-01 replaces the requirement for BREEAM Healthcare assessments and will be considered to be an equivalent to BREEAM as required by [A Policy On Design Quality For NHSScotland: 2010 Revision \(CEL\(2010\)19\)](#).

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Addresses

For action

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The new SHTN 02-01 guidance is published by NHS Health Facilities Scotland and can be found online at: <https://www.nss.nhs.scot/publications/sustainable-design-and-construction-sdac-guide-shtn-02-01/>

Action

Health Boards should:

- ensure that all relevant staff are made aware of the contents of this letter, and SHTN 02-01 and its contents; and
- ensure that all relevant staff take forward any necessary actions to comply with SHTN 02-01.

I look forward to continuing to work with you on reducing emissions and improving the environmental impact of the NHS.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Morrison". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

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