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REQUEST

I am a final year medical student at King's College London and am currently working on a project detailing the theme of sustainability in healthcare research.

Would it be possible to have the number of registered audits/QIPS/service improvements/research projects at your Trust (since October 2020), and of those, how many have an environmental/sustainability agenda?

RESPONSE

QI/Clinical Audit Dept. (QICA)

QICA deals with QIPs and Clinical Audit Projects: from Oct-2020 to present we have registered over 200 projects (N207); our area of work is primarily focused on projects reviewing clinical treatment, care and procedures: however one Anaesthetic project was related to sustainability:

- **Promoting sustainable anaesthesia: We need to talk about “Des”.**
(Desflurane)

Service Improvement Projects

Out of 36 projects that have been undertaken or have started since October 2020 we have assessed that 8 of these have an environmental/sustainability agenda as part of the project. When we have classified a project as having a sustainability agenda we have considered aspects such as avoiding a need for unnecessary appointment, minimizing travel or reducing paper usage.

Research Dept. (RDI)

The Trust have 17 active research projects registered with us within the specified time period. None of these relate to sustainability in healthcare research.