

## **Environmental Lessons Learned and Applied to the bladder cancer care pathway – the ELLA audit**

Anthropogenic climate change is a global emergency and healthcare is responsible for 5% of global greenhouse gas emissions. The NHS has a net zero greenhouse gas emissions target of 2045. Achieving this goal will involve adaptation and innovation throughout healthcare. The Getting It Right First Time Programme (GIRFT) have developed guidance for the bladder cancer pathway, aimed to show healthcare teams how they can quickly realise significant greenhouse gas emissions reductions.

### **The aims of this audit are to:**

- Audit practice related to the most important GIRFT decarbonisation recommendations for the bladder cancer care pathway
- Assess the variation in these practice areas across the UK
- Estimate hospital level excess greenhouse gas emissions compared to optimal “low carbon” practice
- Learn about local innovations within bladder cancer care pathways that could reduce environmental impact further if adopted nationally.

### **Audit methodology:**

- The audit contains focussed questions related to specific points across the care pathway, from referral through to radical treatment
- Questions either relate to service design, or to the care delivered for patients ( data collection period yet to be confirmed)
- Data submission will take place in Autumn 2024 (data submission period yet to be confirmed)

### **The main principles of the audit:**

- Data collection will be retrospective to enable the entry of all data, including follow up data at a single time point
- Only anonymised data will be collected
- Data will be collected using JotForm which is computer, tablet and smartphone compatible
- National feedback and feedback to individual units will enable benchmarking and quality improvement

### **Dissemination of audit results:**

- The national data from this audit will be presented at BAUS 2025