



Formation of collaborative network, for lab sustainability, across the Private, Public and Academic sectors in the North-West

Summary of issue or opportunity being addressed



AstraZeneca has bold sustainability targets to achieve the 2030 Ambition, a large contributor to this is our lab sustainability practices. Similar goals and ambitions are shared across the scientific sector. Currently the private, academic and public sectors work in silo, with no collaborative opportunities existing between these sectors. Our lab sustainability goals and practices highlighted the need to break down barriers and work across sectors to work on our collective goals and ambitions.

Introduction to technology or solution



A collaborative local network, headed by SMEs in lab sustainability, to meet in person 2-3 times per year and communicate regularly to discuss lab sustainability. Working together to share best practice, problem solve, participate in workshops and GEMBA's, educate and influence change in academic and industry practices and teachings. The group will define and work towards collective goals and ambitions to support all sustainability ambitions.

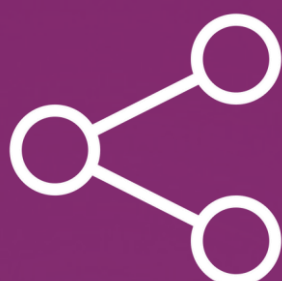
Impact of solution



Formation of the North-West (UK) Lab Sustainability Network. Includes local scientific industry and academic institutions, NHS England, My Green Lab, and the local authority. Goals include:

- Greener suppliers
- Waste disposal and recycling opportunities
- Sharing ideas and best practice across the region
 - Education to students and professionals
- Donation of materials, reagents and equipment
 - Culture and engagement

Considerations during implementation



Representation from all sectors in our local region. Visibility and inclusion of all collaborators and contribution from all to shared goals and ambitions. Implementing long term and sustainable changes collectively.