# Swords Office (38/39) **Cappagh Hospital Road to Decarbonisation**



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NOH Cappagh is Ireland's largest elective orthopaedic centre. The hospital provides a comprehensive national service for patients with lower and upper limb and spinal conditions.

The National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh approached the HSE Climate Action and Sustainability office in 2020. They established their Green Team in the same year and have become one of the top health sector energy teams in the country.

### **Energy Projects & Initiatives by HSE/Cappagh**



Pump Replacement

## **TRV Install**

#### **Site Wide Lighting Replacement**

#### Metering Programme



**Energy Awareness Day** 



#### Statistics from 2016-2018 Baseline vs 2023

**Total Reduction Electricity Consumption** 23.2%

731,060 kWh in 2023

111,197 kWh reduction in 2023

5.7%

**Gas Consumption** 17.5%

619,863 kWh reduction in 2023

CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions 27%

423 tonnes saved in 2023

#### Sustainability & Waste Projects by HSE/Cappagh









Waste Segregation Bay

Beehive producing honey

Cardboard Bailer (400 KG's recycled in January 2024)

Bike Shelter to promote sustainable transport

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# NOH Cappagh Utility Sub Metering

Since partnering with the HSE Energy Bureau in 2020, the hospital has reduced its energy use by **26%**.

By 2023, most of the "low-hanging fruit" projects have been completed.

To progress further towards the 2030 targets, more detailed data on energy use was required

In

Q4 2023

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Gas consumption increase of 26% in the main plant room identified

Leak losing 1300 litres a hour



**23 Meters (Gas and Water)** installed by Cappagh and funded by HSE/SEAI

# **16 Meters (Electricity)**

installed and funded by OPW



Determine the consumption of electricity, gas and water per area of the hospital and detect any trends or patterns in consumption profiles.

Allow for data collection for projects in the future that require granular information.

A legionella flushing valve was stuck open dumping hot water so this was rectified and the flushing programme altered from 3x20 min cycles to 3x10 min cycles

A second leak is detected to be losing 500 litres a hour and a leak detection survey is underway.

## **Project Selection**

Meter data showed high baseline natural gas use in plant room (47% of the total gas in the main hospital)

 Indicates that over 85% of the energy is being used to replace heat losses through the pipework.

Prompted a project to improve the pipe insulation +/- decentralisation of D.H.W. system

Allow for data interrogation and tracking progress to targets.

Allow for data collection for energy awareness activities and to determine the energy saving impact of projects completed on site.

Determine if new plant and equipment installed operate to the conditions as advertised and promised.

Enable leak and energy wastage detection.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

- Cold water leakage detection and repair reduce consumption
- Heating control optimisation, valves and timers reduce natural gas consumption
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- Determine project feasibility for
- decentralised heating & pipework insulation
- reduce heat losses



Additional BMS control and monitoring