

Anytakers re-use system

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- Provides specialist mental health and learning disability services to people in Gloucestershire and Herefordshire.
- Approx. 35 sites across Gloucestershire and Herefordshire
- 10 inpatient sites (includes short and long term residents)

Herefordshire

Size: 842sq miles

Population: 187,158



Gloucestershire

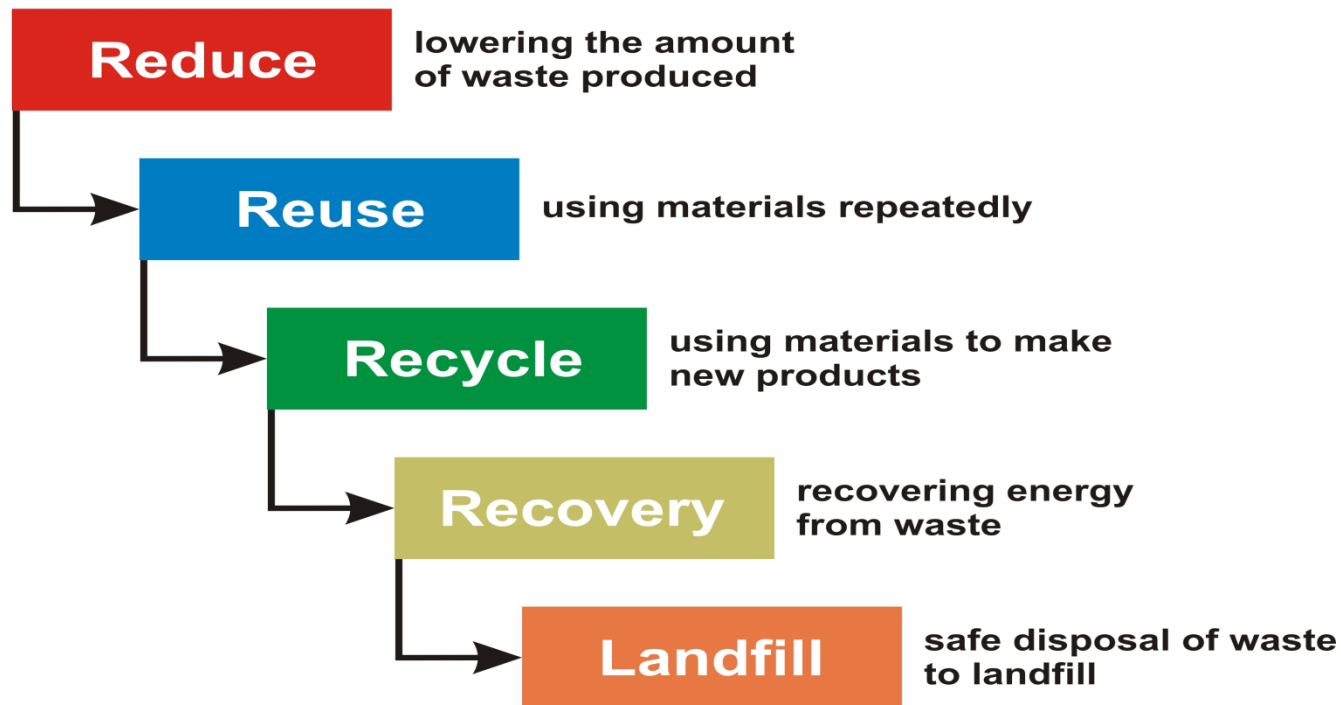
Size: 1045sq miles

Population: 611,332

Why re-use?

- Legal requirement to apply the waste hierarchy:
Regulation 12 of the waste (England & Wales) Regulations 2011.

Most favoured option



Least favoured option

Why re-use?

- Cost savings
- NHS needs to save £22bn by 2020.



We can no longer afford to scrap things like this!

Why re-use?



- **It works better**
More efficient to re-use items instead of paying for disposal and then paying again to buy new.
- **Reduced procurement time**
No need to raise purchase orders to buy new items or for disposing of used items.
- **Improved corporate image**
It doesn't look good when a public sector organisation throws lots of reusable furniture in a skip. Far better to promote re-use instead.
- **Changes perception of “waste”**
Waste as a **resource** – not as something to be forgotten about.


The solution

- Internal re-use system - Anytakers
2gether Trust needed an awareness system across the organisation.
- If people don't know about surplus items then they will just buy new and throw things away as before.
- Used idea from a previous NHS Trust
- Forum based system. No-cost solution for website.
- Only cost involved is the moving cost for the recipient.
- Anyone who works for 2gether can post offered or wanted adverts
- Gets people talking to one another instead of working in a closed environment.


Anytakers intranet forum












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Success

- From May 2015 to February 2016, 2gether saved £10,000 by re-using furniture and other office equipment.
- Divisional Accountants are now directing staff to look on the forum.
- Purchasing block now in place to stop people buying new furniture until they have checked the Anytakers forum.
- Linked with GRH to re-use 8 commodes from Stonebow Hospital.
- GRH collected them and saved approx. £2,400 and saved 2gether approx. £120.
- Re-use of in-date clinical consumables (syringes etc) for Syria.

Further initiatives/ideas

- 2gether is going to use the Warp It system to further increase re-use.
- Re-use needs more promotion. Recycling is good but it gets all the attention and doesn't offer the best savings.
- Even better is up-cycling. Potential for partnering with local organisations that up-cycle waste wood and make new furniture.