

Resource Efficiency Module

Sustainability Advantage supplied a consultant who worked with members of our administration, management and environmental responsibility workgroup to review all Mercy Services operations and identify areas where resources could be saved. While environmental responsibility was the primary goal it also became obvious that time and money could also be saved.

As a result of this module, Mercy Services:

- Had basic energy audits conducted at West Wallsend and Union St, Tighes Hill by the consultant;
- Analysed major uses of energy, sources of waste, major expenditure;
- Joined the Fleetwise program (to reduce emissions and improve fleet management practices);
- Reassigned/replaced vehicles in light of decisions about which model car was best suited to various roles within Mercy Services;
- Day Centre and Centre Based Meals decided to have a shared menu to better enable purchasing of goods from wholesalers rather than supermarkets;
- Reviewed the use of colour photocopying;
- Reduced the number of forms, the number of pages in each form, the number of forms on colour paper, and the number of forms with colour images; and
- Prepared a cost/benefit analysis on replacing the current rostering program with one that could reduce travel, the necessity to (re)print rosters and is integrated with our payroll & accounts.