manage its impact on the climate. It is fundamentally a health service which cares – irrespective of the weather – and can only play a limited role in social education regarding climate change. Kate Tantam is a research and education sister in critical care at Derriford hospital in Plymouth

Part of the battle is to use our common sense

I wish more was being done to address the unnecessary waste produced by the NHS. There are bins for domestic, clinical, medication and sharps waste, so why no bin for recycling?

Clinical providers, who fill boxes with so much packaging that anyone opening one sees more foil than medication inside, could also do more.

Fewer materials, less space and less cost will hopefully reduce our so-called ‘carbon footprint’. However, much of our battle against climate change will come from using our common sense. I would like to see more of that.

Rachel Kent is a mental health nurse at Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust

Where is the political will to address this problem?

Person-centred care is important, but environmental factors affect health, so planning to cope with extreme weather is only practical. How often do we hear of ‘winter crisis’ hitting the NHS? We cannot stumble on from one year to the next hoping for mild weather.

But where is the political will? So much NHS planning is on a year-to-year basis, as finances allow. Individually, we should all be doing what we can to reduce climate change. I turned off my work computer before I came home today.

Drew Payne is a community nurse in north London

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