



Hospitals in Monaghan to Save €21,000 in Waste Charges

LOCAL AUTHORITY PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMME

Hospitals in Co Monaghan have made huge savings in waste charges through working with Monaghan Co Co's LAPD team. St Mary's Community Hospital has saved €6000 in waste charges by improving waste management within the hospital. St. Davnets hospital expects to save €15,000 in 2008 after an extensive review of waste management procedures within the hospital campus. These initial savings have given the hospitals the confidence to look at others ways they can save money through prevention.



Monaghan County Council's LAPD team has dedicated considerable resources to working with the Health Service Executive within the County. However, this work has paid off with considerable savings. Prevention opportunities identified by the waste characterization study include the reduction of uneaten meals going for disposal through the introduction of a new system for ordering meals. This allows ward staff to inform the catering dept. of the numbers of patients that will be present for meals.

Institutions and public sector organisations are some of the largest employers in the county and generate significant quantities of waste. A focused Green Team was set up in most organisations as this together with management support is vital to drive the changes needed to demonstrate prevention.

Monaghan Co Co's 30-month initiative Working with institutions and public sector is one of a programme entitled "Working Together to Prevent Waste in Co Monaghan". The programme has received €421,127 under phase 1 of the Local Authority Prevention Demonstration Programme.

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