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| **Title of Innovation in policy and practice presentation****Achieving Certified Emissions measurement and Reduction Scheme at Canterbury District Health Board** |
| **Setting/problem**Climate change is a serious emerging risk to global public health, development and equity. NZs commitment is to reduce its total greenhouse gas emissions by 50% of the 1990 baseline by 2050. To achieve this all sectors need to be involved and the health sector need to lead on mitigation and management of climate change in NZ.**Intervention**Canterbury DHB needed to identify appropriate and cost-effective areas for carbon reduction, to reduce carbon emissions and to prepare for the governments future expectations. CEMARS is an internationally recognised carbon emissions reporting tool that is seen as the gold standard. Gaining CEMARS accreditation would be a significant step for the Canterbury DHB.**Outcomes**CEMARs accreditation enabled the internationally credible reporting of a 20% reduction in carbon emissions over the past 3 years by the CDHB. This equates to a reduction in emissions of 8,135 tonnes of CO2. The poster will outline in more detail how this was achieved. Areas for future reductions have been identified through this process. **Implications**Canterbury DHB is now well prepared for achieving what will be required by the Government in the future and can demonstrate its progress in this area over the last three years.**Preferred presentation format****Poster** |