

# Single-Use Plastics Pledge

## Suitable product alternatives – catering consumables

NHS Supply Chain have joined the NHS pledge to reduce single-use plastics across trusts. We are working on establishing a catalogue of suitable alternative products to support the cause.

### What is the single-use plastics reduction pledge?

NHS England and NHS Improvement have launched a pledge which requires NHS trusts to sign up and commit to phasing out avoidable, single-use plastic items which are used in catering services and office spaces.

### Phase one: April 2020

The following products have been identified to support NHS customers with phase one of the single-use plastics reduction pledge (plastic straws and stirrers). All products listed below are available to order now through the NHS Supply Chain.

### Alternatives for plastic stirrers

NPC	Base Description	Secondary Description	Material	UOI
<a href="#">UTZ129</a>	Stirrer	Wooden Coffee 5 inch	Wood	Case of 1000

### Alternatives for plastic straws

NPC	Base Description	Secondary Description	Material	UOI
<a href="#">UTS019</a>	Straw drinking paper	White 20cm (6mm bore) solid colour	Paper	Case of 250
<a href="#">UTS031</a>	Straw drinking paper	Black 20cm (6mm bore) solid colour	Paper	Case of 250

Please note: To ensure continuity of supply trusts wishing to switch must submit a demand capture with four weeks' notice via their [NHS Supply Chain Account Manager](#).

## Phase two: April 2021

The following products are the initial findings in preparation for phase two of the single-use plastics reduction pledge (plastic cutlery, plates or single use cups made from expanded polyester or oxo-degradable plastics). All products listed below are available to order now through the NHS Supply Chain.

### Alternatives for plastic cutlery

NPC	Base Description	Secondary Description	Material	UOI
<a href="#">UJZ1190</a>	Fork wooden	160mm	Wood	Case of 1000
<a href="#">UJZ1191</a>	Dessert spoon	Wooden 160mm	Wood	Case of 1000
<a href="#">UJZ1192</a>	Teaspoon wooden	110mm	Wood	Case of 1000
<a href="#">UTZ1189</a>	Knife	Wooden	Wood	Case of 1000

### Alternatives for plastic plates

NPC	Base Description	Secondary Description	Material	UOI
<a href="#">UTP5249</a>	Plate paper	Round 23cm	Paper	Case of 1000
<a href="#">UTP5250</a>	Plate paper	Round 17.5cm	Paper	Case of 1000
<a href="#">UTP5251</a>	Plate paper	Round 15cm	Paper	Case of 1000

Further alternatives are currently being sourced and the results will be shared with customers once suitability has been checked and the products have been added to the NHS Supply Chain catalogue.

#### Need more information or ready to make the switch?

For additional information on alternative products or support with switching please contact your [NHS Supply Chain Account Manager](#) or email [hotelservicessupport@supplychain.nhs.uk](mailto:hotelservicessupport@supplychain.nhs.uk)