

WASTE NOT TESTIMONIAL

To whom it may concern

To reach Smith & Nephew's objective of lessening its environmental impact I contacted Sunshine Yates from Waste Not Consulting to assist us with in-house waste minimisation initiatives. I was very impressed with Sunshine's professional approach and depth of knowledge on issues relating to waste generated from manufacturing processes.

Sunshine organised and supervised an on-site waste audit, which assessed five days waste from the entire site. Her organisational skills in analysing the waste into meaningful categories and her dedication to the task ensured we had accurate and useful data after the audit.

Sunshine presented the findings of the waste audit to all of our staff on World Environment Day. She transformed the data from the waste audit into useful, challenging and actionable information, both at an individual level and at a management level. As individuals, we were told that 80.7% of our canteen waste and 75.9% of our office waste going to landfill was divertible for recycling. At a management level we were told the value of the waste we were sending to the landfill each year, which was extrapolated from the waste audit data. This presentation engaged both the staff and management and changed attitudes.

As individuals we now pay much more attention to what we put in our rubbish bins, and are prepared to sort out the recyclables first. As a company we are prepared to invest labour into breaking down discarded product, which used to be destined for landfill, into good quality components that are re-used in our production process. Thanks to these changes we are on track to meeting an ambitious target of reducing site waste going to landfill by 30%.

Smith & Nephew would like to acknowledge Sunshine Yate's role in this success and recommend the services of Waste Not Consulting to any other company interested in reducing their waste, and therefore their environmental impact.

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