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NHS Ayrshire & Arran celebrates WWF's Earth Hour

NHS Ayrshire & Arran is once again proud to be taking part in WWF's Earth Hour. Now in its tenth year, we will join thousands of people across Scotland and millions from around the world in switching off lights for an hour on Saturday 25 March at 8.30pm.

By joining the global celebration, we will take part in a symbolic moment to help put a spotlight on the issues facing the planet and to remind us that together, we have the power to make change happen.

To celebrate the global event, we will switch off lights in our non-clinical areas at 8.30pm on 25 March for one hour. We will also encourage our staff, patients and visitors to take part.

John Wright, Director for Corporate Support Services, said: "This is the third year that we have taken part in WWF's Earth Hour. It is such a great and inspiring event and we all can play our part in making a difference to help protect our planet."

Lang Banks, Director of WWF Scotland added: "We're delighted that NHS Ayrshire & Arran is again taking part in WWF's Earth Hour. It's an opportunity for us all to demonstrate in a simple way that we care about our planet and the impact climate change is having on people and nature across the world."

Since 2007, WWF's Earth Hour's unique display of darkness has become a global phenomenon with hundreds of millions of individuals coming together each year. In 2016, a record-breaking 178 countries and some of world's most famous buildings

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including Edinburgh Castle, The Kelpies, Big Ben, Hong Kong's skyline and the Sydney Harbour Bridge joined the global celebration.

Everyone can join the celebration for WWF's Earth Hour on Saturday 25 March 2017. For more information and to sign up please visit

www.scotland.org.uk/earthhour

Ends

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Notes to editors:

About Earth Hour

Earth Hour, organised by WWF, started in Sydney in 2007. Last year a record 178 countries and territories took part in the world's biggest Earth Hour yet. Edinburgh Castle, the Kelpies and the Falkirk Wheel, the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Opera House, the world's tallest building Burj Khalifa in Dubai, South Africa's Table Mountain, The Acropolis in Athens, The Eiffel Tower in Paris, The Empire State Building and Times Square in New York City, and the Las Vegas Strip were just a few of the world-famous landmarks that joined in.

About WWF

WWF is one of the world's largest independent conservation organisations, with more than five million supporters and a global network active in more than one hundred countries. Through our engagement with the public, businesses and government, we focus on safeguarding the natural world, creating solutions to the most serious environmental issues facing our planet, so that people and nature thrive. Find out more about our work, past and present at www.scotland.org.uk.

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