

## Environmental Policy

## NHS Supply Chain

NHS Supply Chain is a 10-year contract with the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA). NHS Supply Chain delivers customer-focused supply chain services to the NHS, enabling trusts, hospitals and other healthcare organisations to focus on quality patient care.

NHS Supply Chain believes that the preservation of the natural environment is essential to achieve sustainable development – ‘development which meets the needs of the present, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet theirs’. It recognises that as a major employer and provider of services to the NHS, its actions have long-term effects on the environment. NHS Supply Chain acknowledges its responsibility to the environment. For every aspect of its business, it is committed to preserving and protecting the environment.

### Our vision

- We will be a leading organisation, recognised as striving for excellence in our environmental performance and demonstrating continual improvement
- We will listen to our customers, suppliers and employees and work with them to develop environmental best practice and improvements to the NHS supply chain

### Our aims

We will minimise adverse impact on the environment by:

- reducing the use of natural resources and raw materials in all activities
- improving water, energy and fuel efficiency
- reducing emissions, waste and pollution.

We will continuously improve environmental performance by:

- raising awareness, educating and informing of the effects of actions on the environment to employees
- engaging with internal and external stakeholders around our efforts
- benchmarking against other similar organisations.

### Our strategy

We will :

- comply with relevant environmental legislation, regulations, codes of practice and industry standards
- adopt Government targets on sustainable development where appropriate
- implement and maintain an environmental management system certified to ISO14001
- consider the environmental aspects of significant policy decisions
- set and review annual environmental objectives and targets
- reduce, re-use and recycle materials and packaging
- use renewable energy and alternative fuel sources wherever appropriate
- implement non-polluting techniques and practices and plan for emergency situations
- assess and seek to improve the environmental impacts associated with the purchase and supply of products and services
- provide internal training and information sharing on the environment
- support research and participate in discussions with stakeholders to improve environmental performance, both upstream and downstream in the NHS supply chain
- communicate this environmental policy to all stakeholders
- report on environmental performance on a regular basis.

The Chief Executive Officer will review this policy as necessary, but at least every two years.



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