

Environmental Policy Statement

Locala Community Partnerships provide a wide range of NHS community services to over 400,000 people in Kirklees and beyond. We are a Community Interest Company that has been created for the benefit of our patients and the public. Our vision is to make a positive difference to the wellbeing of the people and communities we serve. In doing so, we fully recognise that some of our services and activities could have an impact on the environment.

We are working to minimise our environmental impact and ensure continuous improvement in both the quality of service provision and our overall environmental performance. In 2018 we achieved accreditation for our Environmental Management System (EMS) based upon the ISO 14001 standard. An EMS is designed to help an organisation to reduce the environmental impact of their activities and to help them comply with environmental legal requirements. We also have a sustainable development management plan (SDMP) in place that will provide the direction for continuous improvement, another requirement for the EMS.

Good environmental management is the responsibility of all Locala employees. We will make colleagues aware of the policy and, where appropriate, provide relevant training and support. Compliance with the Environmental Management System and participation in some of the improvement initiatives will be actively encouraged. Locala have commissioned the support of a Sustainability Consultancy, WRM, to provide guidance in Environmental issues, underlining our commitment to reducing our environmental impact.

In order to demonstrate the fulfilment of the company's responsibilities, Locala have adopted the following objectives:

- To identify our significant environmental impacts and take action to manage these throughout our operations.
- To promote a culture that considers the environmental impact of the actions of everyone involved in our organisation and incorporate environmental considerations into our decision-making processes;
- To minimise the pollution and nuisance caused by the organisation's activities and implement mitigation measures wherever possible;
- To reduce the volume of waste we produce and maximise avoidance, reuse and recycling of waste through proactive waste management;

- To regularly review our activities to minimise energy and water consumption;
- To comply with all relevant environmental laws, regulations and standards and exceed these where practicable;
- To ensure that colleagues are aware of their responsibilities with respect to the environment and have the appropriate knowledge and skills to fulfil them;
- To achieve continual improvement in performance through the ongoing review of the management system to determine its effectiveness;

This policy statement has been approved and endorsed by the Locala Board of Directors and will be reviewed and updated each year to ensure it reflects our key environmental impacts and responsibilities, our regulatory duties and our wider sustainability aspirations.

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Chief Executive
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