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Carbon Reduction Plan

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V 1.0	27/02/2023		New Policy
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Approvals

This document requires approval from the following:

Name	Date of approval
Senior Management Team (SMT)	27/02/2023
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SERVICE

Carbon Reduction Projects

Platinum Ambulance Service is committed to sustainable development to meet the needs of the present, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. We continuously improve our sustainability through an ongoing programme to reduce or remove environmentally damaging activities and encourage activities that, where possible, improve or conserve the environment. We will protect human health and the environment within our operations, buildings, management of our people, and relationships with external organisations and associates.

The commitment, formally articulated in our Environmental and Sustainability Policy, can be found on the Platinum SharePoint.

People:

The management team at Platinum Ambulance will set and promote the strategic direction in respect of the environmental and sustainability agenda and articulate this through the Environmental & Sustainability Policy.

The Platinum ambulance management team will:

- Develop, deliver, and monitor progress against the Platinum ambulance management team annual plan and report on this in Platinum Reports and Accounts, available on our SharePoint.
- Communicate to, and encourage, employees and volunteers to participate in, and contribute to, Platinum ambulance management team initiatives to continuously improve Platinum environmental and sustainability approach
- Encourage all Platinum Ambulance staff to adopt a sustainable mindset, understanding that small habitual changes all aid the collaborative effort to improve Platinum's environmental sustainability

Virtual Meetings:

- Use of Microsoft Teams across the company became integral throughout pandemic restrictions, and emphasising its use has remained today to ensure accessibility and reduced emissions through travel. It is now our policy that all meetings must have the option for virtual attendance and conference/meetings rooms have been equipped to facilitate this.

Property:

- Our Property Strategy embodies sustainability and carbon reduction as core principles. As we invest in our estate we will capture opportunities to improve our use of energy through appropriate boilers and heating controls, and the introduction of improvements such as LED lighting.

Facilities:

- Always consider the environment and sustainability in building design and maintenance
- For every refurbishment opportunity that arises, always consider environmental and sustainable alternatives, e.g., replace luminaire lighting with LED, install automatic meter readers (AMRs), energy efficient boilers and insulation, etc.

- Encourage smart sustainable thinking when using facilities, e.g., turning off lights, monitors, taps etc. when not in use
- We are in the process of discontinuing the use of disposable drinking cups, plates, and cutlery, replacing these with environmentally friendlier crockery and glasses
- Printing – Electronic literature used where possible e.g., feedback forms, learning and training materials for Workplace Training delegates and internal training

Procurement:

- New uniform contract includes recycling of old garments and 0 garments being sent to landfill as of December 2023
- Corporate Social Responsibility and Social Value added to all tenders/supplier evaluations, which includes Environmental and Sustainability considerations, to improve our supply chain.
- Purchasing green packaging for our First Aid and Health & Safety products, re-using, and limiting box sizes to planned sizes to manage consumption. We have also completely stopped using bubble wrap

Vehicles:

- Our Fleet Strategy requires we ensure new vehicle purchases, e.g., ambulances, are Euro 6, meeting EU emission standards and vehicle emission legislation and that electric, hybrid, LPG powered vehicles are considered at each procurement opportunity
- We have reduced our fleet from over 80 vehicles to approximately 60, disposing of old and environmentally damaging vehicles
- Platinum Ambulance is compliant with Clean Air Zones nationwide, e.g., Low-Emission Zone criteria in London and many vehicles are also Ultra-Low Emission Zone compliant
- Use of AdBlue fuel where possible, to reduce mono-nitrogen oxide emissions
- Vehicle telematics system measures/monitors/benchmarks fuel consumption and driver behaviour to ensure enforcement of safe and environmentally friendly standards

Transport:

- Platinum Ambulance Expenses Policy requires employees and volunteers to use trains and other environmentally friendly forms of public transport as far as practical, and we continue to monitor and heavily encourage the use of public transport for Platinum Ambulance

Business Operations:

- Online and Blended learning – Within our Workplace Training schedule we have introduced courses which can be delivered partially and entirely online, reducing carbon emissions through reduced venue usage, reduced travel from our trainers and courses delegates, etc.
- Green Events – In our provision of First Aid/Medical Cover, Platinum Ambulance are committing to working with Events partners to deliver environmentally sustainable / green sites i.e., strict adherence to disposal of waste, reusable water bottles, etc.

Future Carbon Reduction Initiatives

In the future we hope to implement further environmental measures.

People:

- Environmental Champions – Champions will support the delivery of Platinum’s Environmental & Sustainability Policy by raising awareness of environmental sustainability and changing conflicting behaviours and practices, drawing attention to or escalating matters to the management team as appropriate
- Energy Champions – Champions as above with a specific focus on energy
- Learning – Introduce mandatory eLearning for inductions to promote sustainability, e.g., turning off lights, monitors, taps etc. when not in use

Property:

- Our Property Strategy embodies sustainability and carbon reduction as a core principle. As we invest in our estate, we will capture opportunities to improve our use of energy through appropriate boilers and heating controls, and the introduction of improvements such as LED lighting
- The Property Strategy captures the opportunity to invest in infrastructure, supporting the fleet strategy to introduce more electric vehicles

Facilities:

- Seek a staged introduction of zero-to-landfill recycling and improvement of existing waste recycling, through a national contract
- Continue to monitor our energy carbon footprint

Printing:

- Electronic Patient Report Form (ePRF) – Currently procuring a new ePRF product for use across all clinical care settings
- Reducing printer devices per building – reduces cartridge waste, power usage, and emissions

Procurement:

- Adding more stringent environmental and sustainability credentials to our supply chain selection process. For example, we intend to add requirements in line with Government/NHS Net Zero standards
- Reducing the use of Entonox (a pollutant) through the introduction of Pentrox
- Reviewing and reducing plastic Sellotape wrapping with biodegradable tape

Vehicles:

- Further develop and integrate existing monitoring systems to record and subsequently manage fleet energy efficiency, including fuel carbon footprint

Transport:

- Encourage all staff to car share to help reduce carbon emissions

Declaration and Sign Off

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been completed in accordance with PPN 06/21 and associated guidance and reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans.

Emissions have been reported and recorded in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and PPN06/21 as published by the Cabinet Office June 2021.

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been reviewed and signed off by the directors and compliance manager (or equivalent management body).

Authorise by: Tim Mordaunt

Position: Chief Ambulance Officer

Signature:

Date: 03/04/2024

