

NHS Property Services (NHSPS) delivers property and facilities management expertise to the NHS estate. We have a team of over 6,000 colleagues who deliver our services to over 7,000 tenants across a portfolio of c.3,000 buildings across England. As such, we recognise the significance of the environmental footprint associated with our business activities. With the rise in global warming, we are also acutely aware of the risks and opportunities climate change poses. We therefore understand the importance of both mitigation and adaptation when it comes to our infrastructure, technology, and services. Just as resilience to climate change matters to us, so also does the conservation and protection of the biodiversity our estates and services interact with.

The purpose of this environmental policy is to ensure that we, as an organisation, do what we can to reduce emissions, help mitigate the effects of climate change and protect our natural environment.

We, at NHSPS, are committed to:

- Implementing measures that aim to reduce the environmental impact of our business activities.
- Adhering to applicable compliance obligations relating to our environmental aspects, while considering the needs and expectations of our interested parties.
- Strengthening the resilience of our business operations and portfolio against the effects of climate change.
- Controlling and monitoring emissions that could pollute the air, water or land as well as adopting best practices where possible.
- Delivering on our goals, and where we can, supporting our customers in achieving their own environmental ambitions.
- Continuously improve our environmental management system.

We aim to achieve these commitments by:

- Setting clear and well-defined short and long-term goals aimed at improving our environmental performance and climate adaptation capability.
- Developing and maintaining appropriate procedures and controls to ensure full legislative compliance.
- Ensuring construction projects are designed with the environment in mind to engender positive rather than negative environmental impacts.
- Provision of relevant information, instruction, and training to all our colleagues, ensuring competent knowledge of climate related issues and environmental protection practices.
- Optimising upcoming and existing technology to improve and protect biodiversity.
- Allocating sufficient resources to promote environmental management programmes.
- Ensuring all our colleagues, suppliers and customers are aware of any support required of them to meet NHSPS environmental commitments and goals.
- Continually reviewing and seeking to improve the environmental benefits generated from the performance of our own activities, supply chain and wider partnerships.

Our Executive Committee not only endorse but promote the implementation of this policy, ensuring that the organisation works in accordance with its established principles. Compliance with this policy is the responsibility of all NHSPS colleagues and all those that operate on our behalf. This policy is accessible to all NHSPS colleagues and can be made available to interested external parties upon request.

Chief Executive Officer

Martin Steele

Date: 14 December 2022



Director of Responsible Business

Dr Shamir Ghumra

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