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CARBON REDUCTION PLAN

We are exploring all available options to minimise the impact of our organisation and to work towards achieving Net Zero emissions

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Commitment to achieving Net Zero

Dorking Healthcare is committed to achieving Net Zero emissions by 2050.

Baseline Emissions Footprint

Baseline emissions are a record of the greenhouse gases that have been produced in the past and were produced prior to the introduction of any strategies to reduce emissions. Baseline emissions are the reference point against which emissions reduction can be measured.

Baseline Year: 2024/25	
Additional Details relating to the Baseline Emissions calculations.	
The baseline emissions calculated below include employee commuting (which is optional to report). It accounts for 254 tCO2e out of 259 tCO2e for DHC.	
Baseline year emissions:	
EMISSIONS	TOTAL (tCO_2e)
Scope 1	0
Scope 2	4
Scope 3 (Included sources)	255
Total Emissions	259

Current Emissions Reporting

Reporting Year: 2024/25	
EMISSIONS	TOTAL (tCO_2e)
Scope 1	0
Scope 2	4
Scope 3 (Included sources)	255
Total Emissions	259

Emissions reduction initiatives

In order to continue our progress to achieving Net Zero, we have adopted the following carbon reduction initiatives.

- Pond Tail Surgery in Godstone has achieved a Green Impact for Health 'Pioneer' Award which is jointly administered by the Royal College of General Practitioners and Students Organising for Sustainability UK. After signing up to the programme last year, the team has been working through the toolkit, which provides practical advice and tips on becoming a sustainable practice.

- Talking Therapies is a 90% virtual service with staff and clients not needing to travel for therapy sessions. It has almost no resource usage and is therefore nearly net zero already.

- In Outpatients, around one third of appointments are virtual meaning patients can speak to their consultant by telephone or video and do not need to travel.

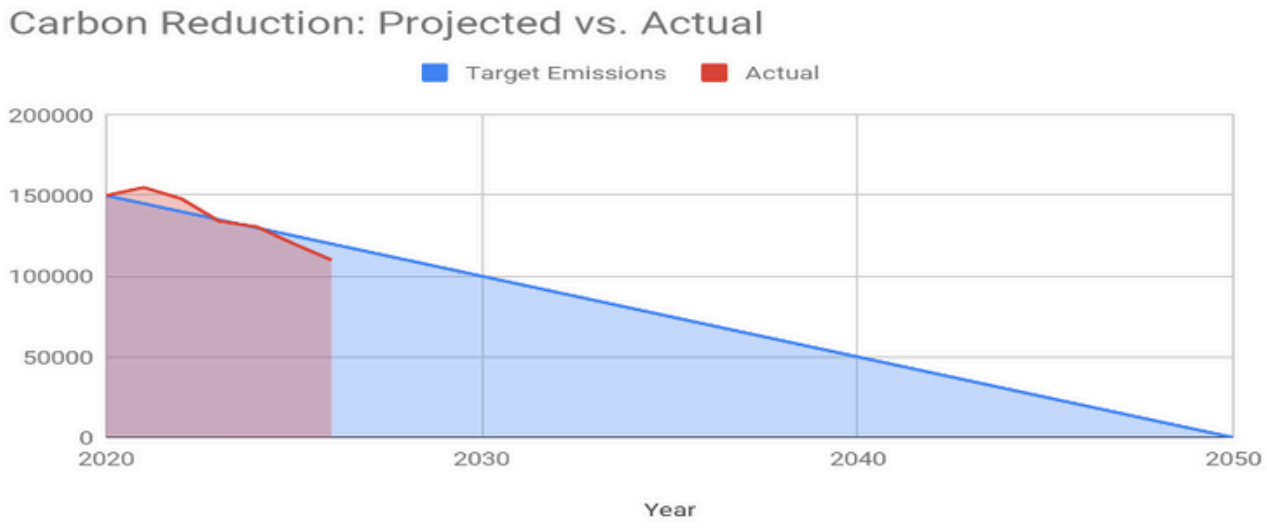
- The vast majority of staff have some working from home in their weekly schedule depending on their job role. This reduces the number of miles needed for commuting to work.

- Our cycle to work scheme has had limited uptake and needs greater promotion.

- We operate nearly totally paperless through using superb IT solutions for our clinical care and administration of the business.

- In Outpatients and Talking Therapies, we have worked to build local sites for patients so they attend a local service. Our teams try to match patients to the right clinician at the service closest to home whenever possible.

In future years we plan to chart our progress against carbon reduction targets in a similar way to the graph below:



Carbon Reduction Projects

In the future we hope to implement further measures such as:

- An enhanced cycle to work scheme
- Electrical charging points and bicycle parking at our planned new surgery in Godstone
- We will investigate how we can reduce the carbon footprint of our staff commuting to work through greater working from home or a more local site as well as support for electric or hybrid cars.

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 the GHG Reporting Protocol corporate standard and use the appropriate Government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting.

Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions have been reported in accordance with SECR requirements, and the required subset of Scope 3 emissions have been reported in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Standard. It includes staff commuting to work which is an optional factor to include.

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been reviewed and signed off by the Board of Directors.

Signed on behalf of the Supplier:

Michael Arnaud, Chief Executive Officer
Date: 10/04/2025