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Environmental Policy

Westway Vets

2022



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Westway Vets is a small animal veterinary practice based in the north east of England. We have a 24-hour hospital site supported by several operating hubs and stand-alone branches. At Westway, our ethos is that care needs to be centered around the best possible outcome for each individual client and patient.

As a veterinary business, we acknowledge that our day to day operation has an effect on the environment. We have identified our key environmental aspects that contribute to our environmental and carbon footprint:

- Consumption of electricity, gas, water, and other fuels
- Use volatile halogenated anaesthetic gases
- Waste generation and disposal
- Transport emissions
- Use of raw materials, including paper, prescribed drugs and medicines
- Procured goods and services with their own environmental impact

Westway vets is committed to reducing its environmental impact through a journey of continual improvement. We are currently working towards bronze accreditation in the Investors in the Environment accreditation scheme.

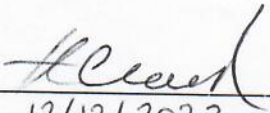
We are committed to working with our staff, customers, referring practices, suppliers, investors, contractors, regulatory bodies, colleagues and neighbours to achieve the following objective s;

- Commitment to work towards net zero carbon emissions target by 2050 in alignment with government policy and United Nations recommendations.
- Compliance with all applicable environmental regulations and public/customer expectations
- Monitor and record our key resource usage (anaesthetic gases, electricity, gas and water) and set measurable targets to reduce annual usage.
- Implement a waste/recycling policy and sustainable procurement policy
- Minimise unsustainable transport and aim to replace petrol/diesel company vehicles with electric vehicles.
- Education and engagement of our staff
- Make available our progress available for independent assessment

We will continue to improve our environmental management system by working to the Investors in the Environment (iE) criteria, considering any changes in legislation, our organisation, and other factors. We will convey this policy to all our employees ensuring that they are provided with training to increase awareness of environmental matters.

Ashley Moore is our Sustainability Champion and has designated responsibility for the day-to-day implementation of this policy.

Westway Vets will make this policy available when requested to interested parties including members of the public, including making a copy available on the practice website.

Signed: 
Date: 12/12/2022

Position: Clinical Director / Managing Director/Senior Manager

