

Environmental/Sustainability Policy

ODL Dental Clinic recognises it has a responsibility to the environment above legal and regulatory requirements. We are committed to environmental sustainability and will actively reduce our impact on the environment. Furthermore, we will actively monitor our impact on the environment and continually improve our performance.

Responsibility

Maria Tomsons has been appointed Sustainability Champion and is responsible for ensuring implementation of this environmental policy. All team members, however, have a responsibility to ensure that the aims of this policy are met.

Policy aims

We will:

- Comply with all relevant regulatory requirements
- Incorporate sustainability (environmental, social and economic) goals into our business strategy
- Continually monitor & reduce our environmental impact
- Increase team awareness about sustainability

Travel

We will:

1. Reduce the need for patients to travel unnecessarily.
2. Promote the use of online CPD.
3. Accommodate the needs of those cycling to the practice.

Energy

We will:

1. Reduce the amount of energy we consume as far as reasonably practical.
2. Switch off electrical equipment when not in use.
3. Adjust heating with energy consumption in mind.
4. Factor the energy consumption and efficiency of new products before procurement.

Reduce, Re-use & Recycle

We will:

1. Minimise the use of paper.

2. Seek to buy recycled and recyclable paper products.
3. Reuse and recycle paper where possible.
4. Use duplex printing where possible.
5. Print margins and line spacing are set to be as small as possible.
6. Documents and post memos are circulated rather than distributing individual copies to team members.
7. Recycle all packaging where appropriate.
8. Recycle all paper, glass, plastic, and aluminium waste.
9. Monitor taps for leaks and repair immediately.

Cleaning

We will:

1. Use cleaning materials that are as environmentally friendly as possible.

Procurement

We will:

1. Give preference to suppliers that generate positive social and environmental outcomes.
2. Give preference to products that reduce their impacts on society and the environment throughout their full life cycle.

Promote awareness and a collaborative culture

We will:

1. Incorporate environmental factors into business decisions.
2. Involve the whole team in implementing this policy.
3. Increase awareness of sustainability with team training.
4. Allow time for environmental concerns to be discussed at practice meetings.

If you have any questions about this policy please contact your line manager.

Next review date: August 2025