



## **Purple Surgical Environmental Policy**

As the UK's largest independent manufacturer and distributor of single use surgical devices Purple Surgical IUK Limited are committed to improving our environmental performance throughout our entire organisation.

In fact, we believe that there are sound business reasons for considering the environment in our day to day activities, which can help deliver cost savings and efficiency improvements to our customers.

### **Within our Environmental policy it is our vision that**

- We will be recognised by our customers for our work in improving environmental performance.
- We will listen to our customers and work with them to develop environmental performance.
- We will be a leading organisation, within our market sector, recognised as striving for excellence in our environmental performance, benchmarking against others and demonstrating continual improvement.
- Our employees will be involved in improving our environmental performance. Awareness will be raised throughout the organisation and ideas elicited and listened to.

### **We will achieve this by**

- Working towards a certified environmental management system
- Aiming to prevent pollution wherever possible

- Continuing to improve our environmental performance in the key areas of energy management, waste minimisation, transport, water use and inhouse purchasing.
- Working towards including key environmental objectives within our corporate and business plans.
- Informing and educating all employees with the organisation about the environmental issues, through appropriate training and information sharing.
- Working with our suppliers to improve environmental performance.

The Cop26 global Climate Change Conference taking place in Glasgow from Oct 31<sup>st</sup> to Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Put simply, the purpose of the conference is to gain commitment from governments, institutions & business around the world to reduce emissions & commit to climate change reducing policies.

Cop26' primary aim is very clear; ***to secure global net zero emissions by 2050 to keep a 1.5 degree increase in temperature within reach.***

The steps that Purple Surgical are taking to contribute to the reduction of climate change pollutants.

**In no particular order:**

- (i) We currently estimate that we recycle approx. 90% of all incoming cardboard, paper & plastic packaging.
- (ii) At Culmhead we generate 15% of our electricity requirement via our own on-site wind & solar power.
- (iii) Over the last 3 years we have planted 2,500 trees in the UK & Africa & we are increasing this commitment to 2,500 trees per year from January 2022.

- (iv) Four years ago, we stopped printing product literature, with all details now available electronically.
- (v) Over the last 24 months we have steadily eliminated our plastic on plastic pouches in favour of paper on plastic.
- (vi) We work closely with our Customer Procedure Tray partners to significantly reduce individual product packaging waste & we actively promote CPTs & kits to our global customer base to improve efficiencies & reduce waste. Click on link: [View Resource \(actoapp.com\)](http://actoapp.com)
- (vii) Three years ago, we began eliminating our bleached white boxes in favour of unbleached brown cartons.
- (viii) We are in the process of installing our first electric car charging point at Shenley & are looking at the viability of doing the same at Culmhead.
- (ix) We are reviewing whether we can replace the 20,000 printed DFU's we produce each month for electronic QR codes.
- (x) We are reviewing whether installing timers (rather than switches) are the most efficient way to reduce electricity consumption.
- (xi) We are seeking to undertake less international air travel & conduct more video conference calls.

### **Environmental Management System**

Purple Surgical encourages its suppliers to set specific goals to minimise their impact on the environment and to work to continually reduce their environmental footprint. This could be demonstrated by following a process based quality system to provide a structure for maintaining environmental improvement, or demonstrating an internal plan to reduce environmental impact.

Suppliers must be prepared to demonstrate their commitment and ability to support a further control their environmental impact as described in ISO 14001 such as through

- An environmental and sustainability policy
- Documented investigations of their current environmental impact, including analysis and prioritisation which can be used as a basis for planning actions to reduce environmental impact identification of all applicable legal requirements.
- Defining and documenting responsibilities, and available resources.
- Setting goals and actions for continuous improvements
- Regular management reviews of the Environmental Management System (EMS) and its effectiveness

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