

Environmental Sustainability and protection measures:

Monitoring and Reducing Carbon Emissions

Rainbow Medical Services (RMS) is committed to reducing carbon emissions and enhancing environmental sustainability. Our approach aligns with the UK's Net Zero Strategy and the sustainability objectives of the Devon contract.

We implement a structured monitoring system and take proactive steps to reduce emissions, ensuring continuous improvement throughout the contract's lifetime.

Current Carbon Emissions Monitoring and Future Approach

At present, we monitor our carbon footprint through:

- Energy Consumption Tracking: Reviewing electricity and gas usage in our buildings to identify areas for efficiency improvements.
- Fleet Management Data: Tracking fuel consumption and vehicle mileage to assess fleet efficiency.
- Waste Audits: Monitoring waste production and recycling rates to minimize landfill contributions.
- Achieved ISO14001 (Environmental Management System) certification to embed sustainability into our operations.

Moving forward, we will enhance our monitoring by:

- Implementing carbon accounting software to track and report emissions from energy, transport, and procurement.
- Conducting regular sustainability audits to assess emissions and compliance with reduction targets.
- Continue to implement ISO14001 (Environmental Management System) certification to embed sustainability into our operations.

Reporting and Monitoring Progress

Throughout the contract's duration, we will provide detailed reports that demonstrate emissions reductions, including:

- Quarterly Carbon Emission Reports outlining progress on CO₂ reductions.
- Fleet Efficiency Reports showing improvements in vehicle fuel consumption and any transition to low-emission vehicles.
- Waste Management Reports tracking reductions in waste generation and landfill disposal.
- Procurement Reports highlighting the proportion of sustainable materials and eco-friendly services used.

Key Actions and Performance Indicators

Action	KPI
Reduce carbon emissions from buildings and fleet	% reduction in energy use and fuel consumption
Transition to renewable energy sources	% of energy sourced from renewables
Increase recycling and waste reduction	% reduction in landfill waste and total waste volume
Adopt environmental management certification (ISO14001, ISO50001)	ISO 14001, Certification achieved
Implement sustainable procurement practices	% of suppliers with sustainability policies
Train staff and suppliers on environmental best practices	Number of training sessions and participation rates
Support local green initiatives in Devon	Contributions made, projects supported

Additional Sustainability Initiatives

Beyond direct carbon reduction measures, we will:

- Train staff and suppliers on sustainable practices, including waste reduction and energy efficiency.
- Support Devon's green infrastructure projects, such as tree planting and biodiversity initiatives.
- Explore innovative sustainability projects, including digital tools to reduce travel-related emissions.

Through these actions, RMS will continuously monitor and reduce its carbon footprint, ensuring measurable progress over the contract's lifetime.

Reducing impact on our environment:

RMS is committed to reducing its impact on the environment and working proactively to help clean it up. We ensure that our procedures always consider the impact on the environment and seek to find alternatives to reduce its impact. We uphold the same standards and expectations to our supply chain.

To apply environment protection measures, RMS:

- Recycle wherever possible, striving to find alternatives where this is not possible
- Create less waste by procuring accurately
- Consider travel arrangements to promote less pollutants
- Use environmentally friendly technology, or expect contract suppliers to use environmentally friendly technology
- Source locally where it is able

RMS also recognises the UK's commitment to net zero targets through the Net Zero Strategy and will work proactively towards this, where required.

RMS is committed to reducing its carbon footprint and actively working towards environmental sustainability. We recognise our responsibility in supporting the UK's Net Zero Strategy and have implemented targeted initiatives to minimise our environmental impact.

Our approach focuses on tackling the three key areas:

1. Reducing Carbon Emissions from Buildings and Fleet Vehicles

- Implementing energy-efficient practices within our buildings, including LED lighting, smart heating controls, and optimized insulation.
- Transitioning to a more fuel-efficient fleet, exploring electric or hybrid pool cars, and ensuring vehicles are regularly maintained for optimal efficiency.

2. Transitioning to Cleaner Energy Sources

- Shifting towards renewable energy sources, such as solar or green energy tariffs, for our facilities where feasible.
- Encouraging suppliers and partners to adopt sustainable energy practices in service delivery.

3. Minimising Emissions from Waste and Business Travel

- Enhancing recycling and waste reduction efforts by procuring responsibly and minimising single-use materials.
- Implementing digital solutions to reduce the need for physical travel, such as remote meetings and online collaboration tools.
- Promoting eco-friendly travel alternatives, such as public transportation, carpooling, walking or cycling, where possible.

Through these steps, RMS remains committed to making meaningful progress towards environmental sustainability and aligning with national carbon reduction goals.