

Environmental and Sustainable Development Policy

Pav Dental is committed to providing a quality service in a manner that ensures a safe and healthy workplace for our employees, patients and any other members, which minimises our potential impact on the environment.

Sustainable development is a pattern of resource use that aims to meet human needs while preserving the environment so that these needs can be met not only in the present but also for future generations. The term was used by the Brundtland Commission which coined what has become the most often-quoted definition of sustainable development as development that "meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Within our Practice, we will operate in compliance with all relevant environmental legislation and we will strive to use pollution prevention and environmental best practices in all we do.

Our practice recognises the need for and the importance of sustainable development and always works towards greater sustainability in areas such as;

- consumption of goods and materials
- energy use and waste
- protection of natural resources
- sustainable communities

We will apply measures to integrate the consideration of environmental concerns and impacts into all of our decision making and activities and promote environmental awareness among our employees and encourage them to work in an environmentally responsible manner.

We will regularly refer to the 2023 updated HTM 07-01: Safe and sustainable management of healthcare waste, to ensure we comply with the NHS's drive to be a Net Zero Health system. This document outlines the appropriate and safe disposal of all types of infectious and non-infectious waste in Dental Practices and can be used in all aspects of NHS and private dentistry.

We will train, educate and inform our employees about environmental issues that may affect their work by reducing waste through re-use and recycling and by purchasing recycled, recyclable or refurbished products and materials where these alternatives are available, economical and suitable.

We will promote efficient use of materials and resources throughout our facility including water, electricity, raw materials and other resources, particularly those that are non-renewable. We will avoid unnecessary use of hazardous materials and products, seek substitutions when feasible, and take all reasonable steps to protect human health and the environment when such materials must be used, stored and disposed of.

We purchase and use environmentally responsible products accordingly and where required by legislation or where significant health, safety or environmental hazards exist, develop and maintain appropriate emergency and spill response programmes.

We communicate our environmental commitment to clients, customers and the public and encourage them to support it.

All staff at Pav Dental strive to continually improve the environmental performance and minimise the social impact and damage of activities by periodically reviewing our policy in light of our current and planned future activities.

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