

# Environmental Policy

Royal College of Paediatrics  
and Child Health 2023



Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) is a registered charity and professional body responsible for the postgraduate training of pediatrician's and conducts the membership of the RCPCH exams. The RCPCH is committed to minimising its impact on the environment with an overall aim to lead the way in decarbonising the work of the college and becoming a net zero organisation by 2040.

We have identified the following key areas of focus that will contribute to our environmental and carbon footprint:

- Making the RCPCH's use of its building and resources as sustainable and low-carbon as possible. Including consumption of electricity, gas, water and waste generation
- Ensuring that RCPCH' conferences and publications are produced and managed with sustainability of all kinds in mind
- Monitoring and offsetting the carbon footprint incurred in undertaking RCPCH work, including work outside the UK
- Embedding sustainability and low-carbon thinking in all RCPCH procurement processes

The impact of climate change on children and young people is one of the biggest challenges and in 2020 the College joined those in declaring a climate emergency and will collaborate with other healthcare organisations and promote research and advocacy on climate change.

Our environmental commitment can be demonstrated in our established objectives and goals below:

- Complying with all applicable standards, laws, requirements, regulations and member expectations
- Monitoring our key resource usage and implementing conservation techniques to achieve our environmental targets
- Implementing a waste and recycling policy
- Minimising unsustainable transport through the development of a travel plan
- Working with suppliers to ensure they acknowledge and decrease the environmental impact of their products and transportation
- Publishing and distribution of an annual organisational sustainability report
- Commitment to achieving Net Zero emissions by 2040

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 and ensure that they are provided with the appropriate information to increase awareness of environmental matters.

Deborah Sayers, Head of Facilities Management is our Sustainability Champion and has designated responsibility for the day-to-day implementation of this policy.

Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health will make this policy available when requested to interested parties including members and suppliers, and ensure a copy is available on the RCPCH website.



Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_8/8/2024\_\_\_\_\_

Position: Robert Okunnu, CEO

