

# Carbon Reduction Plan

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### Carbon Reduction Policy

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## **1. Introduction**

Scan Assure Medical Ultrasound Ltd believes that providing quality healthcare goes hand in hand with protecting our environment for future generations. From the outset, we recognised our responsibility to do all that we can to help minimise our carbon footprint. Our commitment to environmental sustainability is integral to our mission of delivering excellent patient care while ensuring a healthier, greener world for all. Our Carbon Reduction Policy outlines our dedication to sustainability and our pledge to make a meaningful impact to help reduce our carbon footprint. This is an interim carbon reduction plan and we are seeking external consultation to ensure compliance with cabinet office methodology.

## **2. Commitment to Carbon Reduction**

We are committed to achieving Net Zero carbon emissions by 2050. This is not just a goal, it is our promise to prioritise sustainability in everything we do. This is a shared goal as we do not believe the responsibility sits with any one individual or department but rather every one of our team members. .

## **3. Supplier Engagement**

We partner with suppliers who share our commitment to sustainability. Together, we source environmentally friendly products and services, ensuring every aspect of our operation reflects our dedication to a greener future. Wherever possible, we work with local and ethical suppliers to ensure reduced travel times for delivery of goods and services to ourselves. Essential consumables are delivered on set intervals and in bulk, avoiding unnecessary deliveries.

## **4. Clinic Location and Accessibility**

Our clinics are strategically located to minimise travel times for patients and maximise accessibility via public transportation. We consciously choose those locations that are capable of serving a large population base through public transport and suitable facilities for cyclists. The clinic's location is

decided upon through careful analysis of referral activity and postcode analysis. We emphasise to patients at the point of booking the importance of using public transport to reach our clinics; this will include providing comprehensive instructions on which bus / tram routes to take etc. We are making it easier for everyone to access quality healthcare while reducing emissions.

## **5. Promotion of Sustainable Transportation**

We actively encourage staff to embrace sustainable transportation options like carpooling, cycling, and public transport. By reducing our reliance on fossil fuels, we're driving positive change. We recognise the importance of promoting sustainable transportation options for our staff. As part of our commitment to reducing our carbon footprint, we have recently made investments in infrastructure to facilitate eco-friendly commuting methods by purchasing e bikes for our staff.

## **6. Recycling Initiatives**

We are passionate about recycling, from using recycled paper and cups to encouraging reusable water bottles, we're committed to minimising waste and conserving resources. Wherever possible, we purchase recycled consumables and goods and ensure all waste is recycled appropriately. Furthermore, we always endeavour to purchase eco-friendly goods and consumables.

## **7. Energy Efficiency Measures**

Through initiatives like installing sensor lights in our clinical rooms and replacing LED lights in corridors and administrative offices, we are reducing our energy consumption and lowering our carbon footprint. We maximise the use of natural light wherever possible and only use internal lighting when required to do so.

## **8. Paperless Operations**

We actively monitor total print spend and ensure our staff do not print unnecessarily. Our patient management software is of the highest standard, thereby ensuring the need for physical printing is minimised. When sending documentation to patients and healthcare professionals alike, we insist on doing so digitally. We also educate patients around the benefit of using secure email to receive information that would traditionally be sent in the post.

## **9. Continuous Improvement through Staff Engagement**

We engage with staff at all levels to take ownership and make suggestions as to what more we can be doing to reduce our carbon footprint. Through regular review and innovation, we're continuously improving our practices to align with the latest in sustainable solutions. It's incredibly motivating to see staff taking ownership and helping us to lead the way.

## **10. Sustainable Procurement**

We are committed to sourcing eco-friendly products and services. By prioritising sustainability in our procurement process, we're driving positive change throughout our supply chain.

## **11. Telemedicine and Remote Consultations**

Our patient management software enables us to make healthcare more accessible and sustainable. With telephone consultations, we are reducing the need for patients to travel while ensuring quality care for all. Our clinicians and administrative staff follow set protocols to ensure in person appointments with patients are booked only when clinically necessary. Patients are also educated around the benefits of having remote consultations and positive impact we can make collectively through doing so.

## 12. Employee Engagement Programs

Our employees are at the heart of our sustainability efforts. Through open discussions and suggestion boxes, and education initiatives, we're empowering our team to make a difference, both at work and in their communities.

## 13. I.T Servers

We only use now cloud-based servers to further reduce our expenditure on energy.

## 14. Environmental Management Measures

We are proud to be an ISO accredited organisation and to further support us with achieving our goals for carbon reduction are now actively engaged in obtaining ISO14001 status.

## 15. Scopes & Results

What are scopes?

### Scope 1

Direct emissions from the combustion of fuel in assets that a company operates, such as fuel emissions from company-owned cars, diesel generators, gas boilers and air conditioning leaks.

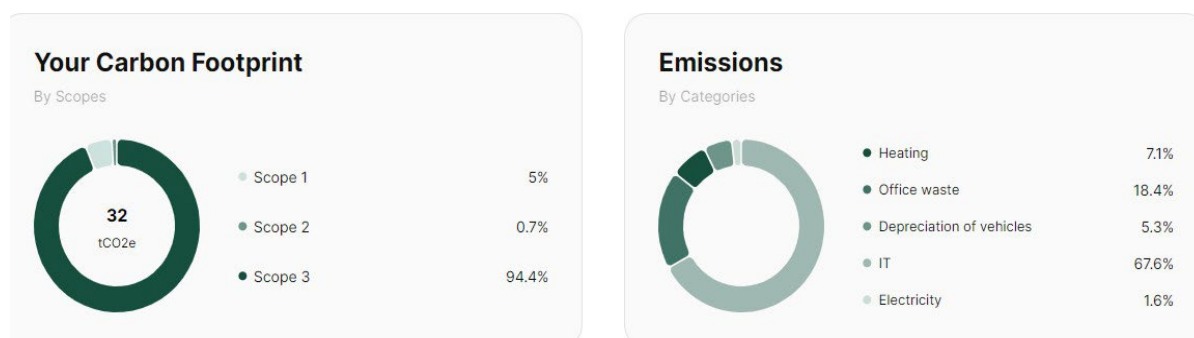
### Scope 2

Indirect emissions from the generation of energy purchased from a utility provider, such as heating, cooling steam, and electricity.

### Scope 3

All indirect greenhouse gas emissions that do not fall under scope 2-upstream and downstream.

### Scan Assure Medical Ultrasound Ltd



## Results



### Study support

### Available data

Scope 1 ⓘ

2.5 tCO2e

Scope 2 ⓘ

0.3 tCO2e

Scope 3 ⓘ

47 tCO2e

## 16. Conclusion

Sustainability is not merely a buzzword—it's ingrained in our ethos. As a healthcare provider, we recognise our profound responsibility to the planet and the communities we serve. Our Carbon Reduction Policy is not just a document; it's a pledge—an assertion of our dedication to mitigating our environmental impact. By implementing this policy, we are actively taking steps to reduce our carbon footprint, demonstrating our unwavering commitment to environmental stewardship. We eagerly anticipate the tangible impact of our actions and remain steadfast in our resolve to lead, by example, in the healthcare industry.

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## APPENDIX 1 – EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT TOOL

		Yes/No	Comments
1.	<b>Does the policy/guidance affect one group less or more favourably than another on the basis of:</b>		
	• Race	No	
	• Ethnic origins (including gypsies and travellers)	No	
	• Nationality	No	
	• Gender	No	
	• Culture	No	
	• Religion or belief	No	
	• Sexual orientation including lesbian, gay and bisexual people	No	
	• Age	No	
	• Disability - learning disabilities, physical disability, sensory impairment and mental health problems	No	
2.	<b>Is there any evidence that some groups are affected differently?</b>	No	
3.	<b>If you have identified potential discrimination, are any exceptions valid, legal and/or justifiable?</b>	n/a	
		<b>Yes/No</b>	<b>Comments</b>
4.	<b>Is the impact of the policy/guidance likely to be negative?</b>	No	
5.	<b>If so can the impact be avoided?</b>	n/a	
6.	<b>What alternatives are there to achieving the policy/guidance without the impact?</b>	n/a	
7.	<b>Can we reduce the impact by taking different action?</b>	n/a	