

## Minim Healthcare Carbon Reduction Plan

### Nature of The Business & Purpose of The Plan

Minim Healthcare is an SME and operates as a distributor/supplier of specialist medical & surgical devices to customers in the NHS and private sector across the UK and Ireland. We run a small office in Newbury (rented property) which sends out goods via specialist domestic couriers and we receive goods from our suppliers via international and domestic couriers. We do not manufacture products, nor run any plant or machinery other than PCs and ancillaries. Our small remote sales team use cars to travel to visit customers. Much of our business is run online; we receive orders via email and we invoice electronically in most cases.

We have no practical means by which to accurately calculate current emissions because of the complexity of our supply chain but we do have a baseline of causative activity that we are able to monitor and reduce over time with the aim of moving towards a net-zero emissions status by 2050 or sooner. Whilst Minim Healthcare are not generally bidding for high (£5m+) contracts, this carbon reduction plan stems from Procurement Policy Note (PPN) 06/21 and intends to be compliant and in line with it where possible.

### Scope of Policy and Areas of Focus

incorporating Scope 1, 2 & 3 Emissions

#### Scope 1 | Energy Use | Offices and Cars

##### Energy Use

We occupy a shared-building with communal areas. Within our own offices, we use exclusively low energy LED bulbs in local lighting. Heating is gas-fired central heating with an energy efficient boiler having been installed in recent years. The offices are not heated (or cooled) outside office hours except in extreme conditions, to protect integrity of stock. During warmer weather, we use air-conditioning with units installed that are specifically matched to space requirements and we use this sparingly.

Running PCs is a necessity for our business; they are all PAT tested for efficiency and we use low energy LED monitors. We have little/no control or influence over energy usage from our supply chain except to consult with them about the measures they take to reduce energy use and increase energy efficiency.

##### Cars and Fuel Use

The company requires our sales team, whose role involves visiting hospitals, to have use of a car. We do not stipulate the type of cars used but currently 50% of the cars that the company supports are electric vehicles which utilise green energy charging where practicable. The remaining cars are fuel-efficient ICE cars. We encourage our team to drive efficiently and to minimise the number and extent of journeys where possible. Meetings online are encouraged where practical to avoid use of transport.

#### Scope 2 | Supply Chain Efficiency

We minimise the number of shipments brought to us as a matter of course, in turn reducing the number of journeys our products take. We combine customer orders into single shipments where possible to reduce consignment shipping.

Our couriers use a network of independent shippers to efficiently move goods around the country.

We reduce the number of same day, single courier trips as much as possible, preferring next-day services or slower services to maximise efficiency.

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### Scope 3 | Materials selection and usage

Medical goods require sturdy, secure and clean packaging for shipping. Whilst we package our goods carefully and without waste, we accept that packaging forms a part of our emissions profile. Our cardboard packaging is made from sustainable sources and our supplier is carbon- neutral certified. Our bubble-wrap packaging is essential to ensure that our goods arrived undamaged and we are actively exploring more sustainable solutions although many we have looked at require much more packaging to achieve the same cushioning and protective effect. Biodegradable options may offer a solution.

Our suppliers packaging is minimal but requires to be of a minimum size and configuration to preserve integrity of the product and properties such as sterility.

Our offices are increasingly paper-free; it is not possible to move completely to paper-free but we have made giant steps towards that paradigm with electronic invoicing and almost completely electronic communications.

### Review and Monitoring

Our carbon footprint is under constant review and mechanisms such as ISO9001 enable us to place this project under regular scrutiny. Our ethos as a company is to minimise our impact with packaging, energy use and emissions and as a small company, we are generally effective at those aspects of carbon reduction under our direct control (Scope 1).

As our business expands, so does our responsibility to continue to try to reduce emissions and increase efficiency. As a responsible supplier, we take this very seriously such that regular review, monitoring and testing are embedded in our processes.

### Declaration

I declare that the contents of this policy are accurate, truthful and complete to the best of my knowledge and understanding.

Signed by



Print Name

James Avison

Date

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Company Position

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