

Carbon Reduction Plan

Supplier(s) name: **Optimum Patient Care Global, Optimum Patient Care and Observational & Pragmatic Research International**

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Commitment to achieving Net Zero

We are committed to achieving net zero emissions by 2050. We also have near-term science-based targets (SBTs) to be achieved by 2030 and these are validated by the Science-based Target Initiative (SBTi). In line with SBTi requirements to review and resubmit targets every five years, we have modelled our roadmap and re-baselined our targets, with a view to receiving validation of our new near-term and long-term Net Zero targets in 2030.

We report annually into the sustainability assessment platforms of the Carbon Disclosure Project and EcoVadis and have joined the United Nations Race to Zero campaign.

Baseline Emissions Footprint

Baseline emissions are a record of the greenhouse gases that have been produced in the past and were produced prior to the introduction of any strategies to reduce emissions. Baseline emissions are the reference point against which emissions reduction can be measured.

Our emissions across scopes 1 and Scope 2 are independently assured and published within our annual Carbon Disclosure Project submission.

Emissions: baseline year 2022		Total tCO2e
Scope 1	Gas consumption (purchased)	8.2
	Oil (purchased heating)	
	Refrigerant gases	
	Transport emissions from fleet vehicle	
Scope 2	Purchased electricity emissions for buildings	9.94
	Purchased electricity emissions for EVs	
Scope 3	CATEGORY 6 Business travel emissions (car, train, and flights)	217.0
	CATEGORY 7 Employee commuting emissions	
	CATEGORY 7 Home Working	
	CATEGORY 8 Leased assets	
Total Emissions		235.14

Current Emissions Reporting

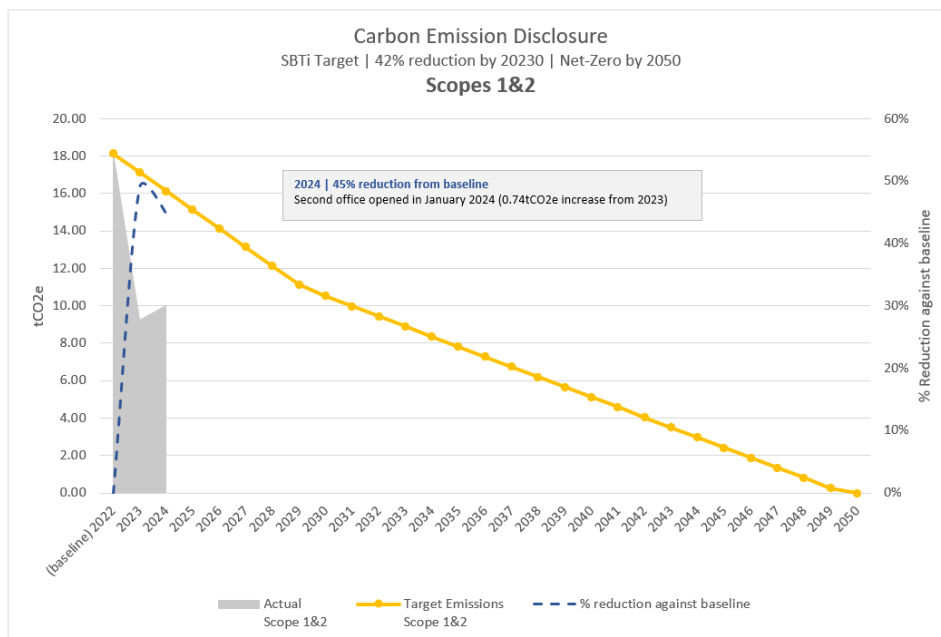
Emissions: 2024		Total tCO ₂ e
Scope 1	Gas consumption (purchased) Refrigerant gases Transport emissions from fleet vehicle	9.54
Scope 2	Purchased electricity emissions for buildings Purchased electricity emissions for EVs	0.45
Scope 3	CATEGORY 1 Purchased goods and services emissions CATEGORY 4 Transportation emissions of third-party courier services CATEGORY 6 Business travel emissions (car, train, and flights) CATEGORY 7 Employee commuting emissions CATEGORY 7 Home Working CATEGORY 8 Leased assets	146.64
Total Emissions		156.63

Emissions reduction targets

Our companies commit to the following targets that have been approved by SBTi:

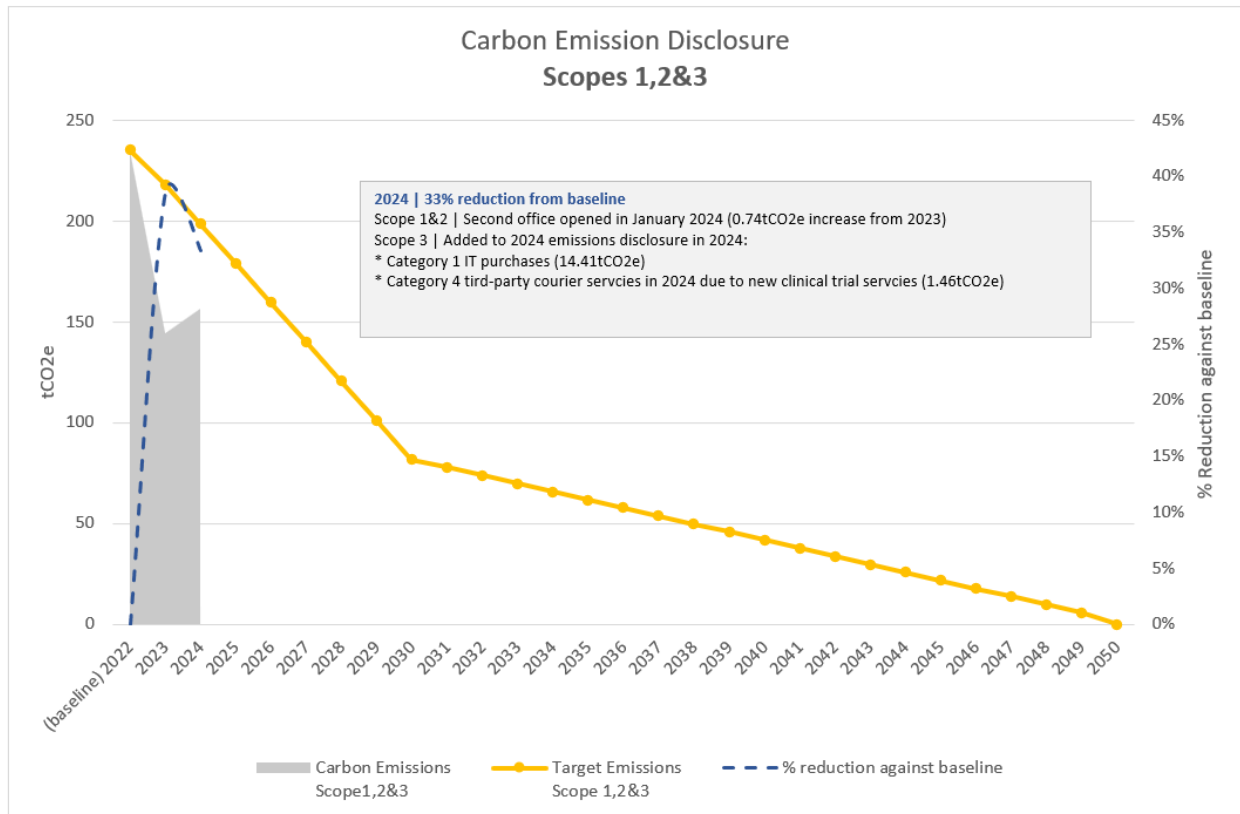
- near-term target to reduce absolute scope 1 and scope 2 GHG emissions 42% by 2030 from a 2022 base year, and to measure and reduce its scope 3 emissions.
- long-term target to achieve net-zero by 2050.

In 2024, our total scope 1 and 2 emissions (market-based) decreased by **8.15 tCO₂e**. We achieved our near-term target with a 45% reduction against the 2022 baseline. Progress against this target can be seen in the graph below.



Carbon Reduction Projects

The following environmental management measures and projects have been completed or implemented since the 2022 baseline for scope 1,2&3. The total carbon emission reduction achieved to date equates to **78.5 tCO₂e**, a **33%** against the 2022 baseline year and the measures will be in effect when performing the contract.



We have implemented several initiatives to reduce its carbon footprint.

- In May 2023, we transitioned to 100% renewable electricity at our Oakington site.
- Undertook a strategic review of international conference travel to minimise unnecessary business travel.
- Energy efficiency improvements have been made, including the installation of LED lighting at the Oakington office and the replacement of desktop PCs with energy-efficient laptops.
- Smart meters and a HIVE system were installed to enable remote monitoring and optimisation of energy consumption.
- The Norwich office was relocated from a premises reliant on oil heating to one using a gas supplier with lower carbon emissions.
- Electricity contracts have switched with a supplier continuing to provide 100% renewable energy at Oakington.
- To ensure continuous improvement in sustainability performance, an Environmental Management System (EMS) has been developed and implemented.
- We are committed to sustainability frameworks, including the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), EcoVadis, and CDP assessments, to enhance its environmental, social and governance performance.

We remain committed to further reducing our carbon footprint and enhancing sustainability across its operations. As part of our ongoing carbon reduction strategy, we are planning to implement additional measures including but not limited to the following:

- In 2025, we will transition our office in Norwich to 100% renewable electricity, aligning with our broader commitment to sustainable energy use across all business locations.
- We will continue to review our supply chain to identify opportunities for minimising carbon emissions. This will involve working closely with suppliers to enhance sustainability practices, prioritise low-carbon alternatives, and ensure that our procurement processes support our overall carbon reduction objectives.
- To support low-emission commuting, an electric vehicle salary sacrifice scheme will be introduced for employees.

Declaration and Sign Off

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been completed in accordance with PPN 06/21 and associated guidance and reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans. Emissions have been reported and recorded in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the GHG Reporting Protocol corporate standard¹ and uses the appropriate Government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting².

Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions have been reported in accordance with SECR requirements, and the required subset of Scope 3 emissions have been reported in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Standard³.

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been reviewed and signed off by the board of directors.

Signature: 

Professor David Price | Founder and CEO

Date: 30th April 2025

¹<https://ghgprotocol.org/corporate-standard>

²<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-conversion-factors-for-company-reporting>

³<https://ghgprotocol.org/standards/scope-3-standard>