

Viamed Ltd

Environmental Policy

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1. Introduction

Viamed Ltd is committed to conducting its business in a manner that protects the environment, supports sustainable development and continually improves environmental performance.

Environmental responsibility forms an integral part of our business strategy, Quality Management System and commitment to responsible corporate governance.

Our activities include the supply, distribution, servicing, maintenance and repair of medical, veterinary and specialist electronic equipment, together with the limited manufacture of specialist electronic testing and simulator equipment. We recognise that these activities have an environmental impact and are committed to continually reducing that impact through responsible environmental management.

We believe that extending the operational life of equipment through servicing, maintenance, repair and refurbishment represents an important contribution towards reducing waste, conserving natural resources and supporting a more sustainable healthcare sector.

2. Environmental Commitment

Viamed Ltd is committed to:

- Meeting or exceeding all applicable environmental legislation, regulations and recognised codes of practice.
- Preventing pollution wherever reasonably practicable.
- Protecting the environment through the responsible use of natural resources.
- Continually improving environmental performance through measurable objectives and regular management review.
- Supporting the principles of sustainable procurement and responsible business practices.
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions in accordance with our published Carbon Reduction Plan and Net Zero commitments.
- Supporting the principles of the circular economy by extending product life and reducing waste.
- Working collaboratively with customers and suppliers to improve environmental performance throughout the supply chain.

Environmental management forms an integral part of our Quality Management System and business planning processes.

3. Roles and Responsibilities

Environmental responsibility is shared by everyone within Viamed Ltd.

The Managing Director has overall responsibility for:

- Environmental performance.
- Policy implementation.
- Environmental objectives.
- Provision of appropriate resources.

Managers are responsible for ensuring environmental objectives are communicated, understood and implemented within their areas of responsibility.

Employees are expected to:

- Work in accordance with this policy.
 - Use resources responsibly.
 - Minimise waste.
 - Report environmental concerns.
 - Support continual environmental improvement.
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4. Environmental Objectives

4.1 Energy Management

We will seek to minimise energy consumption through the efficient operation of our premises, equipment and business activities while maintaining a safe and productive working environment.

Where practical we will continue to improve energy efficiency through investment in appropriate technologies and working practices.

4.2 Resource Conservation

We will minimise the consumption of:

- Energy
- Water
- Paper
- Packaging
- Raw materials

through careful planning, efficient processes and responsible purchasing.

Digital systems and paperless working will continue to be adopted wherever reasonably practicable.

4.3 Product Life Extension

We recognise that extending the useful life of equipment provides significant environmental benefits.

Where appropriate we support customers through:

- Preventative maintenance
- Servicing
- Repair
- Refurbishment
- Supply of spare parts

These activities reduce unnecessary disposal of equipment, maximise product life, conserve natural resources and contribute towards a circular economy.

Where practical, Viamed supports the repair, refurbishment and continued use of equipment to maximise product life and reduce unnecessary consumption of raw materials.

4.4 Sustainable Products

Where appropriate we consider environmental impacts throughout the lifecycle of products supplied or manufactured, including:

- Sourcing
- Manufacture
- Transportation
- Use
- Servicing
- End-of-life disposal

4.5 Recycling and Waste

We will minimise waste generation wherever reasonably practicable.

Materials will be reused or recycled wherever suitable facilities exist, and waste will be managed using authorised waste contractors in accordance with current legislation.

Electrical and electronic waste will be managed in accordance with applicable WEEE requirements.

4.6 Sustainable Procurement

We will work collaboratively with suppliers to improve environmental performance throughout our supply chain.

Supplier selection and ongoing review increasingly considers:

- Environmental performance.
- Carbon reduction initiatives.
- Ethical sourcing.
- Modern Slavery compliance.
- Responsible transportation.
- Sustainable packaging.
- Product regulatory compliance, including **UK REACH** and **UK RoHS**, where applicable.

4.7 Transport

We seek to minimise transport-related environmental impacts through:

- Efficient logistics.
- Responsible route planning.
- Remote technical support where appropriate.
- Efficient use of company vehicles and transport providers.

4.8 Pollution Prevention

We seek to minimise emissions to air, land and water arising from our operations.

Hazardous substances will be handled responsibly and greenhouse gas emissions reduced wherever reasonably practicable.

4.9 Biodiversity

Where our activities may affect biodiversity, wildlife or natural habitats, we seek to minimise adverse impacts and promote responsible sourcing of natural materials.

Where practical, Viamed supports biodiversity enhancement and responsible environmental management through appropriate initiatives at our premises and within our wider sustainability programme.

4.10 Carbon Reduction

Viamed Ltd is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions through continual improvement and implementation of our Carbon Reduction Plan.

We monitor and review Scope 1, Scope 2 and relevant Scope 3 emissions and continually identify opportunities to reduce our environmental footprint while supporting NHS Net Zero ambitions.

4.11 Training and Awareness

Environmental awareness forms part of staff induction and ongoing training.

Employees are encouraged to identify opportunities for continual improvement and actively contribute towards achieving the company's environmental objectives.

5. Continual Improvement

Environmental performance is monitored and reviewed through our Quality Management System, Management Review process and environmental objectives.

We remain committed to continual environmental improvement through:

- Performance monitoring.
 - Staff engagement.
 - Supplier collaboration.
 - Sustainable procurement.
 - Carbon reduction.
 - Responsible resource management.
 - Compliance with evolving environmental legislation.
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6. Related Documents

This policy should be read alongside:

- Carbon Reduction Plan
- Carbon & Sustainability Transition Plan
- Sustainable Procurement Policy
- Environmental Impact Statement
- Environmental & Recycling Information
- UK REACH Compliance Statement
- UK RoHS Compliance Statement
- Social Value Statement
- Fair Payment & Procurement Practices Statement
- Reducing Healthcare Inequalities Statement
- Code of Conduct and Ethics Policy

7. Review

This Environmental Policy is reviewed at least annually, and following any significant legislative, regulatory or organisational change, to ensure it remains appropriate, effective and aligned with current environmental best practice.

Approved By:

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