



## **Environmental Policy (Ambulance Services)**

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**Statement:**

*All Wales Ambulance Services Ltd is currently reviewing their environmental policy and is working towards BS8555 Environmental Management System. We have engaged in talks with Business Wales in how to achieve this standard. Please find below a copy of our current environmental Policy.*

**THE ALL WALES AMBULANCE SERVICE LIMITED APPROACH TO ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**  
**CONTROL OF EMISSIONS**

1. As an organisation reliant upon transport in order to undertake its primary task, AWAS is a major producer of vehicle emissions. Therefore, in taking account of our responsibilities to, and the expectations of the population that we serve AWAS aims to:

- a. Reduce vehicle emissions through purchase of a fleet, consistent with funding, that has the lowest levels of emissions. All petrol engine vehicles have been replaced with diesel powered vehicles that comply with European emissions standards.
- b. Procure bulk diesel fuel with the lowest levels of emissions and pollutants. Currently AWAS purchases Ultra Low Sulphur Diesel.
- c. Keep up to date with the implications of emerging alternate fuel technologies, e.g. E-diesel, LPG, CNG and electric fuels, and to consider its introduction when the Critical Vehicle Failure Rate, and any consequent threat to patient care, is assessed to be no higher than the current fleet.
- d. Use bio-degradable cleaning agents and when servicing or repairing a vehicle to use as many re-cyclable components as possible.
- e. Change driver styles to reduce vehicle emissions.
- f. Monitor emerging technologies that offer reductions in emissions. Partial engine shut down and E-tyres are examples of areas under consideration.

**BEST PRACTICE**

2. In other areas AWAS, within available resources, monitors and follows best practice order to improve its environmental performance by:

- a. Conserving energy, water, wood, paper and other resources - particularly those which are scarce or non-renewable - while still providing a safe and comfortable working environment.

- b. Reducing waste through re-use and recycling, by using refurbished and recycled products and materials, and through use of “Zero Landfill” products where such alternatives are available and affordable.
- c. Promoting the use of e-mail both internally and externally, and utilising AWAS IT network in order to reduce paper usage.
- d. Disposing of all clinical waste in line with statutory regulations and ensuring that the disposal of clinical waste on behalf both AWAS and customers is undertaken following the most environmentally efficient methods.
- e. Working with contractors to improve environmental performance where this is relevant to the contract and to the achievement of value for money.
- f. Meeting all relevant current and foreseen statutory regulations and official codes of practice and specifying contractors do the same when working on Trust premises.
- g. Developing and maintaining, where significant hazards exist, emergency procedures for effectively dealing with them and limiting the risk to health and the environment.
- h. Continuing the policy of disposal of the estate and ensuring, where practicable, that buildings occupied by AWAS are designed, constructed and operated to improve their environmental performance;
- i. Educating, training and motivating staff and contractors to work in an environmentally responsible manner and to play a full part in developing new ideas and initiatives.
- j. Communicating with staff about environmental policies and best practice and co-operating with others in the public and private sectors to promote environmentally sound practices.

### **PURCHASING POLICY**

3. AWAS accepts its responsibility to reduce the adverse, and increase the beneficial, environmental impacts of its purchasing and supply activities in recognition and support of:

- a. The key and influential role of purchasing and supply activities in environmental management, risk management and patient care.
- b. The link between environmental quality, public health and patient episodes.

c. Stakeholder expectations – in particular, to contribute and participate in the ‘Greening Government’ initiatives, the UK’s wider commitment to sustainable development.

4. It is the aim of AWAS to ensure that the goods, works and services purchased are manufactured, delivered, used and managed at end-of-life in a safe and socially and environmentally responsible manner and that the associated risks are appropriately managed by the controls assurance framework.

5. To this end, whilst paying due cognisance to EU rules and domestic policy governing public procurement, AWAS aims to:

a. Integrate environmental considerations into our procurement strategy, purchasing procedures and, in accordance with Government and EC guidelines, into the procurement process.

b. Continually improve environmental purchasing and supply performance through the setting and annual review of relevant objectives and targets, that are identified through the conduct of an environmental risk assessment and agreed through consultation with stakeholders and where this has no manpower or cost implications.

c. Exercise a preference for environmentally preferable products that offer demonstrable value for money.

d. Refer to, on the basis of wider Government guidance, a database of those substances, products and product types to be: avoided at all costs; favoured at all costs; preferred where value for money can be demonstrated.

e. Maintain an environmental supply-chain programme that informs suppliers of their environmental awareness and the environmental performance of their activities and products.

f. Support, monitor and report on environmental legislative compliance and pollution prevention within the supply-chain.

g. Reduce the environmental impact of purchasing and supply activities by reducing paper flow through the procurement process, avoiding replication and minimising the administrative burden on suppliers.

h. Work in partnership with other public sector purchasing organisations and service providers, especially those operating within our local community as appropriate.

i. Ensure our purchasing and supply activities contribute positively to the environmental policy.

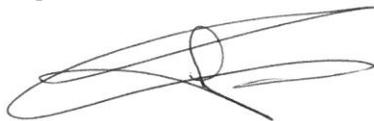
j. As appropriate communicate this policy widely to suppliers, employees and other key stakeholders.

## Appendix A

### Version Control Sheet

Version	Date	Author	Summary of changes
2.1	16.06.16	G.Llewellyn	Review complete policy and update.

Signed on behalf of All Wales Ambulance Services Limited:



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