

Sustainability and Environmental Statement

At Acorn Surgery we are committed to environmental sustainability and recognise our responsibility to minimize our carbon footprint. Our mission is to provide quality healthcare while actively contributing to the well-being of our community and the planet. To fulfil this commitment, we have adopted the following green practices:

Energy Efficiency:

Where possible we invest in energy-efficient technologies and practices to minimize our energy consumption. Where practicable and under our control our facilities are designed to optimise natural light and ventilation where possible.

Waste Reduction:

We prioritise waste reduction through recycling initiatives. Our team is dedicated to minimising single-use plastics where possible and adopting eco-friendly alternatives. All waste classified as hazardous is clearly identified, segregated and disposed of by an approved and certified contractor

Paperless Practices:

We pride ourselves on being a paper light practice, minimising paper usage by adopting electronic health records and communication systems. Envelopes or other paper supplies are purchased as re-cycled paper where practicable. Appointment reminders, prescriptions, and patient communications are conducted digitally whenever feasible.

Transportation Impact:

We encourage staff to use eco-friendly transportation options, such as cycling, walking, or public transit, whenever possible. Telephone consulting services are promoted to reduce the need for unnecessary travel to the surgery.

Green Procurement:

Our procurement process prioritises environmentally friendly and sustainable products. We support local businesses and suppliers with a commitment to green practices.

Patient Education:

We provide resources and information to patients on sustainable health practices and lifestyle choices. Patients are encouraged to use digital platforms for appointment scheduling and communication.

Continuous Improvement:

Environmental considerations will be taken into account in every major business decision and are registered with the RCGP Green Impact for Health to make the best of every opportunity. We regularly review and assess our green initiatives to identify areas for improvement. Staff members are encouraged to contribute ideas for further reducing our environmental impact.

By adopting these practices, we aim to create a healthier and more sustainable future for our community and beyond. We appreciate the support and cooperation of our patients, staff, and partners in achieving these environmental goals.

Thank you for joining us on this journey toward a greener, healthier world.