



Environmental policy statement

Charles Landau Dentistry is committed to providing a quality service in a manner that ensures a safe and healthy workplace for our employees and minimises our potential impact on the environment. We operate in compliance with all relevant environmental legislation and strive to use the most energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly best practices in all we do.

Benjamin Lauffer is responsible for ensuring that the policy is implemented. All members of the team, however, have a responsibility to ensure it is complied with. This environmental sustainability policy applies to all of our work activities.

Karen Suarez is our Sustainability champion and has had training in this field and will lead our Greener Dentistry Toolkit and application.

We will ensure good housekeeping with regard to energy efficiency, water efficiency and to waste reduction by segregating, reusing and recycling wherever possible. We will incorporate this training into the induction programme for new members of the team.

We will review this policy on an annual basis.

Signed
[Practice Owner]

Date: 12th October 2023

Energy efficiency

Heating and cooling

- We have reduced the overall temperature in the practice by 1°C to reduce consumption.
- We have an environmentally friendly Heat exchange centralised system.

- A thermostat is positioned within the practice and set at between 16°C and 19°C and checked regularly when the heating is in use.
- In areas that are not in use routinely, including stock storage areas, the heating is further reduced.
- The timers are set to ensure that heating and cooling systems are not operational for long periods outside working hours when the practice is not in use.
- Radiators are not covered and are routinely checked to ensure that they are free from obstruction.
- When the heating is on, we avoid opening windows where possible. Outside doors are kept closed and self-closing mechanisms are fitted to internal doors where appropriate.
- The practice building is run
- Cooling and heating systems do not run at the same time. If it is too warm, we turn down the heating rather than opening windows.

Practice equipment

- We turn off equipment when it is not in use and avoid leaving it in 'stand-by' mode. Equipment with a 'power-down' function have this aspect activated.
- Computers, lights, copiers, printers, vending machines and water coolers are turned off overnight.
- We only purchase equipment when necessary and will consider the most energy efficient option that meets our needs. Energy consumption can vary greatly depending on equipment age, maintenance, model and manufacturer.

Lighting

- We switch off lights when they are not needed and clean light coverings regularly to increase brightness.
- We have sensor operated lights wherever possible
- To maximise natural lighting, we ensuring windows are clean and window ledges are not cluttered. Where possible, the practice layout makes best use of natural and artificial lighting.
- Energy efficient light bulbs are used routinely; they last longer than ordinary bulbs and use less energy.

Water efficiency

- We would like to install a water meter to be able to monitor our usage but this is currently unavailable from our supplier.
- We repair any dripping taps as soon as possible and fit flow restrictors to taps in washrooms.
- When purchasing new equipment, we consider the most water-efficient option that meets our needs.

Reducing waste

- We segregate the waste when possible from our practice to allow for recycling of paper, magazines, cardboard, cans and glass, for example.
- We monitor local recycling schemes to ensure that we recycle as much waste as possible.
- When purchasing stock and other sundry items for the practice, we opt for refills rather than a new product wherever possible.

Purchasing products

We aim to purchase and use environmentally friendly products that are

- Non-toxic or have low toxicity and do not pose an environmental hazard
- Durable
- Made of recycled materials
- Able to be recycled, refilled or refurbished
- Low or reduced energy and/or water consumption
- Packaged responsibly (using a reduced amount of packaging that can be recycled).
- We have swapped our plastic cups for recyclable paper cups
- We now stock recyclable bamboo toothbrushes, floss and interdentals to promote to our patients
- We have recently decided to stop buying bottled water and purchase a water cooler to encourage bottle refills

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