

# **Carbon Reduction Plan**

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#### Background to document

UCLPartners is a health innovation partnership supporting the NHS across North Central London, North East London and Mid and South Essex. Due to our close links to the NHS and strategic aim to support its goal to reduce the health sectors' contribution to climate change, UCLPartners has committed to a net zero journey in line with the Greener NHS 'Delivering a net zero NHS' report. This means:

- Net zero direct emissions by 2040
- Net zero indirect emissions by 2045.

This document is structured in line with the UK government template for suppliers.

### 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. This is UCLPartners' first baseline emissions report and Carbon Reduction Plan.

Baseline Year: 2022/23

2022/23 was UCLPartners first reporting year of Carbon emissions. The baseline was developed with SmartCarbon.

#### **Baseline year emissions:**

EMISSIONS	TOTAL (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)
Scope 1	0
Scope 2	1.83
Scope 3	167.72
(Included Sources)	(Includes purchased goods and services, waste disposal, business travel, employee commute, well-to-tank and T&D, downstream leased assets)
<b>Total Emissions</b>	169.55

## **Current emissions reporting**

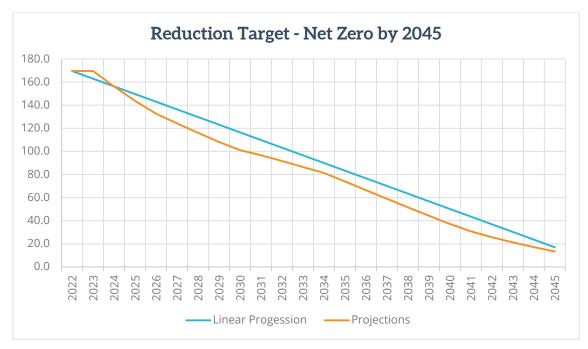
This is UCLPartners' first Carbon Reduction Plan, and therefore baseline emissions are the current total emissions.

### **Emissions reduction targets**

To continue our progress to achieving Net Zero, we have adopted carbon reduction targets to reach net zero by 2040 for direct emissions and by 2045 for indirect emissions. As a small professional services organisation, the vast majority of our emissions come from scope 3 emissions (suppliers). We will need to engage with our supply chain to ensure we meet our goals.

In the short term, we project that carbon emissions will decrease over the next five years to 124.17 tCO2e by 2027/28. This is a reduction of 6.42%.

Intended progress against these targets can be seen in the graph below:



### Carbon reduction projects

Prior to introduction of the plan, we have implemented initial carbon reduction activities such as shifting to vegetarian food for catering events. In the next year we hope to implement further measures through the development of a Carbon Reduction Action Plan. This will include implementing actions such as:

#### **Greener business travel**

 Developing a greener corporate travel policy and action plan, with a specific aim to significantly reduce emissions from flights (by 17% per year for the next four years, up to 50% of the baseline).

#### **Greener goods & services suppliers**

- Develop a Greener Supplier Management Plan to work toward preference for suppliers who can provide emissions reports or engagement with suppliers with comparable Net Zero targets.
- We will also explore changes to supply chain emission reporting to a supplier reported emissions rather than spend based.

#### Other greener business practices

- Improve energy efficiency to reduce electricity consumption.
- Build in accountability mechanisms for reducing our emissions.

#### **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 standard<sup>1</sup> and uses the appropriate Government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting<sup>2</sup>.

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) Standard<sup>3</sup>.

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been reviewed and signed off by the board of directors (or equivalent management body).

Signed on behalf of the supplier:

Chris Laing

CEO, UCLPartners

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Date: 29 January 2024

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>https://ghgprotocol.org/corporate-standard

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>https://ghgprotocol.org/standards/scope-3-standard