Carbon Reduction Plan

Supplier(s) name: **Optimum Patient Care Global, Optimum Patient Care and Observational & Pragmatic Research International**

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Commitment to achieving Net Zero
Optimum Patient Care is committed to achieving Net Zero emissions by 2050.

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.

Baseline Year: 2022	
EMISSIONS	**TOTAL (tCO$_2$e)**
Scope 1	8.2
Scope 2	9.94
Scope 3	217.0
Total Emissions	**235.14**

Current Emissions Reporting

Reporting Year: 2023 [TOTAL (tCO$_2$e)]						
EMISSIONS	**Q1**	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**	**Total**	**Variance from baseline year**
Scope 1	3.1	2.2	0.8	1.06	7.16	13% reduction
Scope 2	1.47	0.8	0.03	0.03	2.34	77% reduction
Scope 3	27.0	52.7	29.4	25.9	134.99	38% reduction
Total Emissions	**32.2**	**57.1**	**18.0**	**27.1**	**144.49**	**39% reduction**

Emissions reduction targets
In order to continue our progress to achieving Net Zero, we have adopted the following carbon reduction targets. Our company commits to a Near-Term target to reduce absolute scope 1 and scope 2 GHG emissions 42% by 2030 from a 2022 base year, and to measure and reduce its scope 3 emissions. We also commit to a net-zero target by 2050. These targets have been approved by the SBTi.

In 2023 (year 1), we achieved our target with a 48% reduction against the 2022 baseline scope 1 and scope 2 and the measures will be in effect when performing the contract. Progress against this target can be seen in the graph below.

We report annually into the Carbon Disclosure Project and EcoVadis, sustainability assessment platforms and have joined the United Nations Race to Zero campaign.
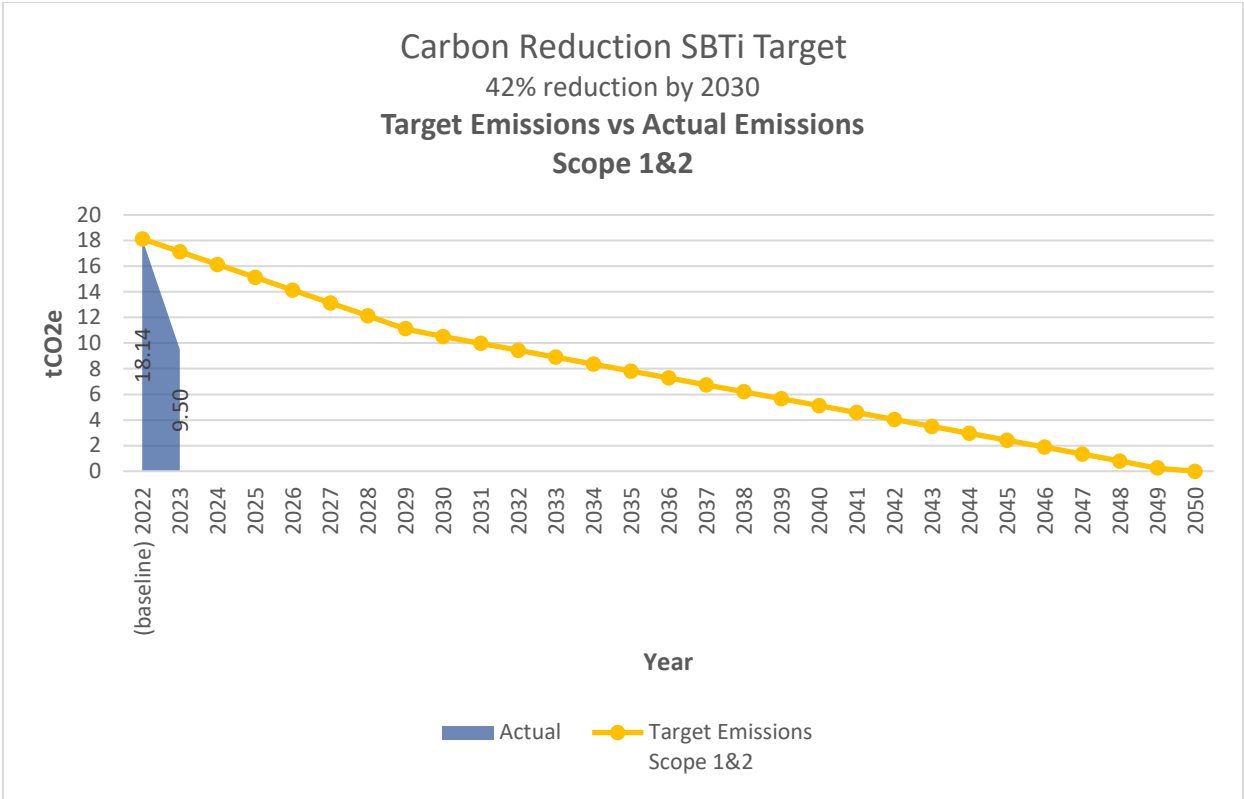
Carbon Reduction Projects

Completed Carbon Reduction Initiatives
The following environmental management measures and projects have been completed or implemented since the 2022 baseline for scope 1,2&3. The carbon emission reduction achieved by these schemes equate to 90.7 tCO_2e compared with the 2022 baseline year.

High level summary of projects contributing to the carbon emissions reduction programme:
- Switch to renewable electricity at the Cambridge HQ site in May 2023.
- Transitioned to hybrid working model for staff.
- Review of the business travel requirements for international conferences.
- Signed up to SBTi targets, EcoVadis and CDP assessments.
- Offered to staff electrical vehicle salary sacrifice scheme.
- LED bulbs were fitted to the Oakington office.

In the future we are planning to implement further measures such as:
- Developing a Green Strategy for the business.
- Transition electrical vehicle fleet to use renewable electricity sources.
- Switch satellite office (Norwich) to renewable electricity in 2025.
- Continuous review of our supply chain to ensure carbon reduction is maximised.

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[1] and uses the appropriate Government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting[2].

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[3].

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been reviewed and signed off by the board of directors.

Signed on behalf of Optimum Patient Care:

Chris Price:

Commercial and Legal Director

Date: 22nd February 2024

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[1] https://ghgprotocol.org/corporate-standard
[2] https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-conversion-factors-for-company-reporting
[3] https://ghgprotocol.org/standards/scope-3-standard