



ISO 14001:2015

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

POLICY STATEMENT 2018

Introduction

The **St John Cymru - Wales Patient Transport Services** recognises the importance of an environmental management system and is committed to protecting the environment by operating responsibly and in compliance with all legal requirements relating to a complete patient transport provider. It is Patient Transport Services aim to carry out all measures reasonably practicable to meet, exceed or develop all necessary or desirable requirements and to continually improve environmental performance through the following:

1. Strive to adopt high environmental standards in all areas of the organisation.
2. Review and where possible reduce/remove environmentally damaging activities and to encourage activities that improve, or conserve the environment.
3. Adopt and aim to apply the principles of 'sustainable development'
4. Define the environmental objectives for the year ahead
5. To include environmental considerations in the organisation's investment decisions.
6. To continually assess the environmental impact of the business activities.
7. To adopt an environmentally sound patient transport strategy.
8. Minimise the use of materials, supplies, energy, and wherever possible to use renewable or recyclable materials and components.
9. To minimise waste and aim for 'waste-free' processes where possible.
10. To publicise the organisation's environmental position.
11. Encourage third parties involved with the organisation (e.g. suppliers, contractors, customers etc.) to work towards establishing similar standards themselves.
12. It is the policy to operate with and to maintain good relations with all regulatory bodies.
13. This Environmental Policy is communicated to all staff, suppliers and sub-contractors to encourage them to adopt sound sustainable management practices and is available to the public on request.

Responsibilities

The Chief Executive has approved the Environmental Management Policy Statement. Overall responsibility for Environmental Management including procedural matters, legal compliance, maintenance and updating of documentation, promotion of awareness, liaison with external organisations and incident investigation rests with the Operations Manager - PTS.

As with other considerations including those relating to Quality, Business Continuity, Health & Safety and Information Security aspects are taken into account in all daily activities, processes, plans, projects, contracts and partnerships entered into by Patient Transport Services.

Patient Transport Services staff are made aware of general and specific aspects of Environmental Management, according to the requirements of their function. The Contract of Employment includes a condition covering confidentiality regarding the business.

Adherence to Environmental Management procedures as set out in the various policies and documents is considered to be a contractual duty of all staff. Copies of the Manual are made available to all staff. Breach of the Environmental Management policies and procedures by staff may result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

In view of Patient Transport Services position as a trusted provider of a complete patient transport services, particular care is taken in all procedures and by all staff to ensure that Environmental Management remains integral to all business activities. All statutory and regulatory requirements are met and regularly monitored for changes.

Signed by 

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Julia Hobbs (Chief Executive)