

## Net-Zero Commitment Statement August 2025

The scale of the climate emergency, and its impact, has been transformational for the healthcare industry over the past 5 years. Following the Paris Climate Agreement signed in 2016 there is growing momentum behind the adoption of a low carbon approach to achieve long-term climate resilience. The UK government has furthermore committed to bringing all greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050.

Since we adopted the 17 UN Sustainability Goals in 2022, we have made significant strides in reducing our environmental impact, while contributing to the eradication of deprivations with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth.

Transitioning to a low carbon model helps to manage our hospital's exposure to climate risks and to ensure the long-term resilience of our business. We recognise that our part to play goes beyond our own hospital portfolio and business – it is a commitment to making a positive impact on the planet, which is something we are proud to uphold. We acknowledge that now is the time to demonstrate our commitment to emissions reduction and to address the challenges and opportunities that our pathway to net-zero will present.

### Our Net Zero Targets

We have set the following carbon reduction targets, aligned with a 1.5°C scenario, using the Science Based Target initiative (SBTi) methodology:

- By 2035, achieve net-zero carbon for all corporate related carbon emissions (Scope 1-3 emissions).
- By 2040, achieve net-zero carbon for all operational emissions from the directly managed areas of our portfolio (Scope 1-3).
- By 2050, achieve net-zero carbon in terms of operational and embodied emissions (scope 1-3 emissions) across our entire hospital portfolio, whether directly managed or managed by third parties.

We believe that we will need to rely on a combination of initiatives to significantly reduce our emissions, which include:

- Further improvements to the energy efficiency of our hospitals.
- Expanding the use of green energy across all our hospitals.
- Embedding the UN Sustainability Goals across our developments & refurbishments and operation of hospitals.
- Carefully offsetting emissions which we cannot eliminate.

Our plan will recognise that, while some measures will not be technically or commercially feasible to implement, bold action is required to achieve these targets.

The following scope will apply to all hospitals and corporate activities in alignment with the net-zero carbon pathway and the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol.

AREA	ACTIVITY	GHG SCOPE	NET ZERO SCOPE	
			GHG emissions to be accounted for as part of this commitment	Net-Zero Pathway Actions to be set as part of commitment
CORPORATE ACTIVITIES	Energy consumption	Scope 1 & 2	Yes	Yes
	Waste production	Scope 3	Yes	Yes
	Business travel	Scope 3	Yes	Yes
	Employee commuting	Scope 3	Yes	Yes
	Purchased goods and services	Scope 3	Yes	Yes
OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES	Energy (gas & electricity) purchased	Scope 3	Yes	Yes
	Water	Scope 3	Yes	Yes
	Managed waste	Scope 3	Yes	Yes
	Purchase of goods & services	Scope 3	Yes	Yes
	Transportation	Scope 3	Yes	Yes
DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES	New developments	Scope 3	Yes	Yes
	Refurbishments	Scope 3	Yes	Yes
	End of life - disposal	Scope 3	Yes	Yes



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