

## Green Strategy

- **Create a company-wide Environmental Management Strategy**

The Air Ambulance Service (TAAS) are committed to saving lives and operate our 2 local HEMS services along with 2 Children's helicopters which transfer critically ill children. As these paramount lifesaving services operate with 4 helicopters which are critical to the work we do. We recognise our responsibility to reduce our carbon footprint as we are very aware of the impact that these have on our environment which is why we take our responsibilities to reduce our environment impact in a sustainable manner.

The Environmental Management policy is a set of processes and practices that enable TAAS to reduce its environmental impacts and increase its operating efficiency. TAAS will set and evaluate goals pertaining to its environmental performance. The Charity will commit to a policy for environmental improvement

- **Participate in recycling programs.** We currently are able to recycle many products but designated areas to be set up in each office, warehouse and Retail unit to offer a chance for employees to recycle paper, metals, plastics, old gadgets and technology, ensuring that electronic waste is handled properly. Done correctly this will create an additional income for TAAS
- **Replace appliances with energy-efficient equivalents.** Commit to replacing our office, warehouse and Retail equipment as it requires updating with more energy efficient models.
- **Reduce paper and packaging.** This can include internal day-to-day operations, but also invoices and statements sent out to clients, supporters and contractors. Electronically store all documents and commit to reducing printing and photocopying. Ensure that our packaging is widely recyclable
- **Support other green companies and initiatives.** When our teams are evaluating new suppliers and services it should be taken into consideration companies that are focused on creating a positive environmental impact. Including suppliers who offer a takeback scheme to recycle/ reuse packaging and waste
- **Encourage employees to telecommute/ Car share/ skype.** Telecommuting reduces our charities overall carbon footprint (cutting out vehicle emissions as well as reducing energy usage in the office itself), but it makes for more productive employees, too. Actively promote Skype conferencing to reduce unnecessary journeys but where necessary, car sharing is to be encouraged.
- **Build green from the ground up.** Structure our charity to be green, design our space with green business practices in mind with clear signage to reduce energy consumption, switch off appliances. This will remind everyone daily of our Green commitment.
- **Plastic recycling.** Introduction of plastic bag recycling schemes where we are able to closed loop recycle the donation bags that we receive in. Carrier bag usage to be reduced by 50% by 2022. Plastic toy banks sited nationally.
- **Education.** Education of our employees and wider communities on how to make these changes permanently through workshops, toolbox talks and community events.