

POLICY

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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The Institute of Cancer Research employs 1,000 members of staff and educates 300 postgraduate students in a number of laboratories and support buildings on two major sites in Chelsea and Sutton. In providing excellent premises and facilities for research and education the Institute recognizes its responsibility to the environment and commits, as far as is reasonably practical, to promote protection of the environment and to minimize the impact of its activities upon the local, regional and global environment both directly and through what influence might reasonably be brought to bear on other organizations.

The Institute will demonstrate its commitment to continuous improvement of environmental practice by:

- Meeting, and wherever practicable exceeding, environmental legislative requirements.
- Reducing the Institute's contribution to climate change by continuing to implement a sustainable Energy Policy.
- Preventing the unnecessary use of hazardous materials and processes and taking all reasonable steps to prevent damage to the environment.
- Minimizing waste and pollution, increasing recycling and using natural resources efficiently.
- Encouraging sustainable travel practices by Institute staff, students and contractors.

- Ensuring that the design of all refurbishment and new building projects take into account sustainable construction principles.
- Encouraging biodiversity in the maintenance of its grounds.
- Encouraging sustainable practice by our service providers and contractors where possible.
- Encouraging sustainable purchasing practice throughout the supply chain by continuing to implement a sustainable Purchasing Policy.
- Encouraging good environmental practice by promoting environmental awareness and responsibility amongst staff and students.
- Engaging with the wider community, primarily research, higher education and healthcare, to promote environmental best practice.
- Reviewing the Institute's environmental performance and Policy on a regular basis.
- Using the Institute's Environmental Policy as a frame work to set annual objectives and targets.
- Developing an environmental management system to continually improve environmental performance.

The Institutes Board of Trustees and the Chief Executive have ultimate responsibility for its environmental performance. All staff and students share this responsibility. They are supported by the Institutes Facilities Directorate who will promote best practice and continual improvement and monitor performance.

Signed:



Professor Alan Ashworth, Chief Executive.

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