



# Environmental Sustainability Policy



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Neutral equality impact (i.e. no significant effect)					X
Negative equality impact (i.e. increasing inequalities)					

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## 1. SCOPE

- 1.1 The University College of Osteopathy (UCO) recognises the impact it has on the environment at both the local and global levels. The UCO accepts the responsibility it has for protecting the environment and aims to minimise its impact whilst fulfilling its strategic objectives. The UCO seeks to promote the conservation of natural resources and aims to adhere to best practice wherever possible.

## 2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The UCO aims to ensure environmental sustainability is integrated into its policies and procedures with particular attention given to the following objectives:
- a) To meet or exceed all legislative requirements
  - b) To set clear and obtainable targets and objectives
  - c) To monitor progress and report annually to all stakeholders
  - d) To reduce carbon emissions through the delivery of a Carbon Management Plan
  - e) To ensure all new buildings and capital projects take sustainability into account
  - f) To encourage sustainable travel practices by all stakeholders through the implementation of the Travel Plan
  - g) To consider the environmental performance and standards of suppliers when procuring goods and services
  - h) To conserve material resources and encourage re-use of existing supplies wherever possible
  - i) To promote recycling and reduce waste production
  - j) To ensure zero waste goes to landfill wherever possible
  - k) To communicate with stakeholders to promote and encourage a culture of environmental awareness and understanding
- 2.2 The Board of Directors and Senior Management Team are responsible for the environmental performance of the UCO and the promotion of sustainable practices. All staff and students share the responsibility of delivering the policy.