

# Carbon Reduction Plan

Supplier name: Akeso & Company Limited

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## Company Summary

Akeso and Company is a leading Professional Services firm with a core focus on the Healthcare Sector. We are the current operators of Category Tower 8, awarded in 2018 as part of the NHS Supply Chain's Future Operating Model. We operate across two offices (London and Warrington, Cheshire) with a current headcount of 50.

Having worked with many facets of the UK Healthcare sector, including 30 of the top 50 public hospital providers, central government bodies, and leading private hospitals, we are acutely aware of the importance of and commitment to embedding and improving sustainable practices within the industry.

We are fully supportive of the NHS's Net Zero targets and wider sustainability initiatives. We directly support these initiatives by, as demonstrated in this document, having a robust plan to environmental management and reducing our carbon footprint. Key projects that we have undertaken, or plan to undertake, are listed in the **Carbon Reduction Projects section**.

## Commitment to achieving Net Zero

Akeso & Company Limited is committed to achieving Net Zero emissions by 2040.

## Baseline Emissions Footprint

Baseline emissions are a record of the greenhouse gases that have been produced in the past and were produced prior to the introduction of any strategies to reduce emissions. Baseline emissions are the reference point against which emissions reduction can be measured.

<b>Baseline Year: 2019</b>	
<b>Baseline year emissions: 2019 (Jan to Dec)</b>	
<b>EMISSIONS</b>	<b>TOTAL (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)</b>
<b>Scope 1</b>	0.0
<b>Scope 2</b>	0.61
<b>Scope 3 (Included Sources)</b>	115.85
<b>Total Emissions</b>	116.46

### Current Emissions Reporting

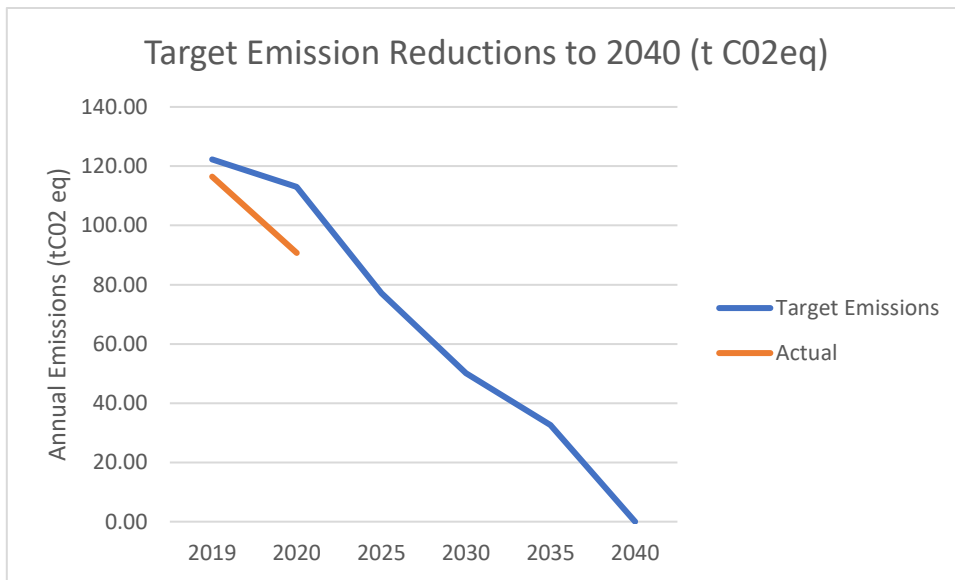
<b>Reporting Year: 2020 (Jan to Dec)</b>	
<b>EMISSIONS</b>	<b>TOTAL (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)</b>
<b>Scope 1</b>	0.0
<b>Scope 2</b>	0.41
<b>Scope 3 (Included Sources)</b>	90.31
<b>Total Emissions</b>	90.72

## Emissions reduction targets

In order to continue our progress to achieving Net Zero, we have adopted the following carbon reduction targets.

We project that carbon emissions will decrease over the next five years to 77.11 tCO<sub>2</sub>e by 2025. This is a reduction of 15%

Progress against these targets can be seen in the graph below:



## Carbon Reduction Projects

### Completed Carbon Reduction Initiatives

The following environmental management measures and projects have been completed or implemented since the 2019 baseline. The carbon emission reduction achieved by these schemes equate to 17.3 tCO<sub>2</sub>e, a 15% reduction against the 2019 baseline and the measures will be in effect when performing the contract.

In the context of the significant reduction in carbon emissions from baseline year (2019) to the last full reporting year (2020) it is worth reflecting on the impact on the Covid-19 pandemic has had on Akeso and Company emissions. Lockdowns have made dramatic changes to, in particular, travel patterns and have had a direct impact on emissions.

As demonstrated by a number of the initiatives detailed below, the pandemic acted as an opportunity for Akeso and Company to accelerate sustainable and carbon reducing policies whilst not impacting overall work and productivity.

The future challenge for Akeso and Company will be to continue to achieve ambitious carbon reductions whilst the nation comes out of 'pandemic mode' and balancing the needs and requirements of staff and clients.

### **Changes to Travel Policy:**

Previously our biggest source of emissions was single-occupant car use to client meetings. We have subsequently implemented a travel policy to promote:

- Travelling only when necessary and encouraging use of digital meeting software
- Where travelling is required, to use, where practical, public transport, multi-occupancy vehicles or other low-emissions alternatives to single-occupant car use
- Work-from-home flexibility for staff to reduce commuting emissions

Since the introduction of the policy change, we have significantly reduced our single-occupant car use with c.95% of meetings, within the Consulting and Data Science service lines, where attendance in person is necessary being conducted by public transport.

### **Internal Recycling / Waste Reduction Initiatives:**

We have embedded the following sustainable practices related to recycling:

- We promote a “Paperless office” by encouraging staff to only print where absolutely necessary
- We purchase recycled paper for when printing is required
- We discourage single-use plastic / paper through provision of reusable bottles and cups to staff
- We educate staff on recycling through posters and other available information

### **Energy Efficiency Initiatives:**

Since baselining emissions occurred in 2019, the London team have moved office. Greater energy-efficiency standards were a key consideration during office identification.

The following energy-efficiency measures have been either increased from our previous site, or adopted as new measures:

- Automatic lighting / energy efficient bulbs
- Well insulated office to reduce energy requirements
- Renewable energy source
- IT and electrical equipment upgrade towards higher efficiency products

In the future we hope to implement further measures such as:

- Audit of our supply-chain to ensure their activities are aligned with our objectives
- Increase scope and scale of our education and awareness activity to ensure staff understand the wider objectives and what is required from them
- Review applicability of Race to Zero and Science Based Targets Initiative schemes

## Declaration and Sign Off

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been completed in accordance with PPN 06/21 and associated guidance and reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans.

Emissions have been reported and recorded in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the GHG Reporting Protocol corporate standard<sup>1</sup> and uses the appropriate Government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting<sup>2</sup>.

Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions have been reported in accordance with SECR requirements, and the required subset of Scope 3 emissions have been reported in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Standard<sup>3</sup>.

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been reviewed and signed off by the board of directors (or equivalent management body).

*Signed on behalf of the Supplier:*



Scott Healy, Director

Date: 07/01/2021

<sup>1</sup> <https://ghgprotocol.org/corporate-standard>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-conversion-factors-for-company-reporting>

<sup>3</sup> <https://ghgprotocol.org/standards/scope-3-standard>