

The Ivy Dental Practice

Practice Environmental Policy

Responsibility

Our environmental policy applies to all aspects of our practice and includes management responsibilities as well as clinical responsibilities. Rachel Newsome is responsible for ensuring that the policy is implemented and maintained. However, all team members have a responsibility in their own area to ensure that the aims of the policy are met.

Our objectives are to:

- Raise awareness and ensure all staff are trained in environmental issues
- Wherever possible to minimise waste by evaluating operations and ensuring they are as effective as possible
- Actively promote recycling within the practice
- Where possible reduce the amount of general waste generated, ensuring that we recycle as much as possible
- Turn off unused lights
- Where possible reduce the time computer equipment is left on standby
- Avoid leaving electrical charging devices plugged in and charging when they are already fully charged
- Meet or exceed all the environmental legislation that relates to the practice
- Monitor our environmental risk to ensure a safe environment for our patients e.g. legionella risks
- Commit to continually improve our environmental performance
- Ensure all staff correctly recognise and segregate different waste categories and store securely in suitable, colour coded and labelled containers
- Continually evaluate and monitor our practice's impact on the environment
- Ensure that this policy is reviewed and kept up to date.

We will continually review our compliance with these objectives and consider where we can improve.

We will include any new environmental objectives which are suggested nationally or locally to reduce our impact on our environment.

