

Environmental Policy

Organisation Name: Daft as a Brush Cancer Patient Care

Daft as a Brush Cancer Patient Care (DAAB) recognise that our activities have an impact on the environment, most significantly our patient transport fleet, energy consumption across our buildings and operational sites and the generation of waste from vehicle operations, office activities and consumables used in service delivery.

We operate an action plan to manage and minimise these impacts and ensure prevention of pollution and reduce carbon emissions.

This policy provides the guiding framework for that plan and details actions we have taken, are taking and our targets for improvement.

We recognise that we have a responsibility to demonstrate best practice to our members, suppliers, beneficiaries, funders and the wider community.

Our Commitments *High level and brief*

Reduce Carbon Emissions from Our Transport Fleet

We commit to continually lowering emissions from our patient transport vehicles by improving route efficiency, maintaining vehicles to the highest standards, and exploring the phased adoption of low-emission and electric vehicles where operationally viable.

Improve Energy Efficiency Across All DAAB Sites

We commit to reducing energy use in our offices, hubs and operational buildings through efficiency measures, responsible energy management, and the transition to renewable energy sources where possible.

Minimise Waste and Promote Responsible Resource Use

We commit to reducing waste generated through office operations, vehicle maintenance and consumables, and to increasing recycling and re-use across all areas of the charity.

Embed Sustainable Procurement Practices

We commit to buying responsibly by selecting suppliers who demonstrate strong environmental performance and by prioritising products that are durable, ethically sourced and have lower environmental impact.

Promote Environmental Awareness Among Staff and Volunteers

We commit to educating and engaging our staff, drivers and volunteers in environmental best practice, fostering a culture where sustainability is part of everyday decision-making at DAAB.

Our Actions

Commitment	We have	We will	We want to
Reducing fleet carbon emissions	Implemented efficient route-planning, regular vehicle maintenance schedules and driver awareness training to reduce unnecessary fuel use	In line with govt guidance and timelines transition to EV. In the interim, expand the use of telematics, optimise scheduling further, and introduce low-emission or electric vehicles where operationally feasible.	Transition to a cleaner, greener transport fleet that significantly reduces the carbon footprint of patient journeys.
Improve Energy Efficiency Across All DAAB Sites	By end of 2026, improved heating controls and embedded energy-saving practices across offices and hubs.	Review the energy performance of all buildings, install further efficiency measures and explore switching to renewable electricity providers.	Reduce our overall energy consumption and minimise carbon emissions from our site.
Minimise Waste and Promote Responsible Resource Use	By end of 2026 increase recycling facilities, reduced single-use items where possible, and adopted more efficient ordering practices.	Introduce clearer waste-stream separation, review consumables used across our operations and work with suppliers to reduce packaging.	Achieve measurable reductions in waste sent to landfill and embed a culture of reuse and recycling throughout DAAB.
Embed Sustainable Procurement Practices	Considered environmental performance in supplier selection and prioritised durable, cost-effective products.	Formalise a sustainable procurement standard, strengthen environmental criteria in tenders and favour suppliers with demonstrably lower-impact products.	Ensure every purchase contributes to our environmental goals and represents responsible use of charitable funds.
Promote Environmental Awareness Among Staff and Volunteers	Throughout 2026/27 provide guidance on sustainable practices, encouraged responsible vehicle use and engaged volunteers in environmental improvements. Embed this into induction processes and regular comms	Deliver more structured training, share regular updates on progress and highlight individual and team contributions.	Build an organisation-wide culture where environmental responsibility is understood, valued and acted upon by everyone.