

## **ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT**

Kare provides a range of services to individuals with an Intellectual Disability in Kildare, West Wicklow and East Offaly and is committed to providing quality services.

Kare is committed to the protection of health and the environment and is determined to minimise any adverse impacts as a result of its activities.

Kare is committed to addressing the following issues:

### **Actively plan to address environmental issues**

We have a plan to address environmental issues across the organisation and review the plan on at least an annual basis.

From an energy consumption reduction perspective, Kare are actively engaged with the SEAI (Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland) and the HSE Energy Bureau, in identifying areas at our significant energy using buildings with ways to reduce overall energy consumption.

As a publicly funded body we have developed a Climate Action Plan in line with the Government requirements to reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions up to 2030 and we will continue to implement actions towards this plan.

The data will be held by the SEAI and accessible by Kare, through the SEAI monitoring and reporting system. The Kare Facilities Department have access to this software.

### **Promote Awareness**

We will inform and motivate all our staff and Service Users and encourage them to play an active role in Kare's commitment to its environment.

### **Environment and the Community**

We will continue to work with the local community by initiating environmental initiatives on-site and encouraging local environmental initiatives and reporting on environmental issues of public interest.

### **Continuous Improvement**

We will set specific improvement targets, monitor progress and communicate results internally. This will be documented in our environmental plan.

We have established an Energy Green Team across our locations who will help with identifying energy upgrade projects for our register of opportunities which are then submitted to the SEAI / HSE Energy Bureau for viability and potential for funding.

### **Property Management**

We are always improving our buildings.

We will construct, refurbish and manage our buildings in a manner that will reduce the associated environmental impacts and be sympathetic with the external surroundings.

By addressing the issue of energy efficiency in our buildings, we will contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in line with national and international agreements.

### **Procurements**

Taking in to account Public Procurement requirements for Value for Money and the expectations of our funders in using established contracts we will endeavour to

ensure that procurement in Kare takes into account the environmental impacts of our decisions.

We will seek to appoint suppliers with proven backgrounds in environmental protection and identify recyclable/re-usable products if possible.

We will also avoid over ordering of quantities to avoid stock build-up, minimising storage requirements and reducing possible obsolescence.

## **Waste Management**

We will continue to promote, develop and implement waste prevention, reduction, reuse and recycling on site in a systematic and cost effective manner.

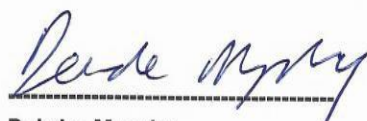
We will use appropriately regulated waste management contractors to ensure safe management of hazardous and non-hazardous waste sent off-site in accordance with best environmental practice.

## **Monitoring**

Kare will monitor its environmental impact through an assessment process and address any opportunities for improvement on an annual basis through the Facilities department.

## **Reporting**

Kare will report on its plan and progress through its Environmental plan / Gap to Target tool review each year.



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