



## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

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South Lakeland Mind aims to protect the environment by ensuring, wherever possible, the sustainable use and disposal of scarce resources.

### To achieve this we will:

- Aim to use suppliers who recycle their products such as toner cartridges.
- Have a policy to use both sides of a piece of paper wherever possible. Unwanted printed paper will be used as scrap paper for making notes, etc.
- Aim to purchase office equipment that incorporates energy saving technology when replacements are required.
- Minimise waste production in all areas of the organisation and aim for waste-free processes.
- Adopt an environmentally sound transport strategy, e.g., car sharing, use of public transport, etc.
- At staff inductions discuss the various environmental practices undertaken by South Lakeland Mind, and what is required of staff / volunteers to sustain these practices.

This Environmental Policy Statement encompasses the core environmental aims and beliefs of the organisation, which will inform and have an impact on our areas of work.

*This policy is intended as a statement of intent and does not constitute a binding contractual or personal agreement. But it will be monitored and revised in the light of service user, staff or volunteer experience, or comments and any operational changes and legislative or other external considerations. Interpretation and any matters not specifically covered by the policy will be decided by the Chief Officer and / or Trustees.*

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*If at any time it seems appropriate to review the policy sooner than the review date, such as through a change in the law, then this should be done without delay.*