

# Cancer Research UK

## Background

Cancer Research UK (CRUK) is the world's leading charity dedicated to cancer research. It employs 2390 staff, has 650 shops and is headquartered in Holborn.

## Sustainable purchasing

CRUK is very active in its approach to sustainable procurement and has many examples of good practice.

### Transport

- Purchased an LPG tank and LPG vehicles
- Cycle courier instead of vans for London deliveries
- Online car-share scheme hosted by Liftshare.com.

### Property

- New office building selected following a sustainability assessment supported by London Remade. Includes features such as grey water recycling, waterless urinals, displacement ventilation, BREEAM very good.

### Office materials

- 100% recycled paper in all offices
- All printed material is specified 50% recycled and 50% FSC

- Printers are ISO14001 accredited
- Double sided printing facilities only.

### Canteen

- One water sold
- Free range eggs and organic milk
- Biodegradable food packaging.

### Other

- All cleaning products are Ecover; recycled toilet paper used
- CRUK Christmas cards are made from FSC card.

## Implementation

Everything that CRUK has achieved in this arena has happened in the last two years. There is an established approach which follows an established path:

**Research** – from London Remade and WRAP

**Approval** – all proposals are made to the Procurement Steering Committee

**Scrutiny** – environmental, ethical and economic grounds are covered to ensure that each proposal satisfies these elements

**Collaboration** – using the best available resources. CRUK

has forged a successful link with one of its key suppliers (Williams Lea) on paper and print and improving the supply chain.

## Policy

CRUK has ensured that CSR is part of its corporate objectives. All procurement personnel have sustainability objectives as part of their personal objectives.

Sustainability elements are standard requirements in tenders.

## Communicating with stakeholders

Sustainability was the theme of a recent annual supplier event, where suppliers were asked to contribute to a 10% waste reduction target.

Much effort is put into ensuring that all budget holders understand the economic and ethical benefits of sustainable procurement. The staff intranet is used regularly and contextual evidence and experience are considered to be very important in achieving overall buy-in.

## Business benefits

Cost savings are mainly seen in Invest to Save initiatives.

Employees' feedback confirms the importance of a sustainable approach.

## Results

Certificate of achievement from Paper Round two years running.

## Looking to the future

A large focus on energy efficiency is planned. Procurement improvements will be made in consultation with London Remade.

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