Our Climate Commitment

Children and young people with epilepsy are at the heart of everything we do. Climate change affects their health, wellbeing and future, so we are committed to reducing our environmental impact while continuing to provide the safe, specialist education, care and support they need.

The scale and complexity of our St Piers campus shape our approach. Set within approximately 45 acres of rural grounds, the estate includes modern facilities, residential houses, specialist teaching and therapy spaces, a farm, sports areas and heritage assets, including Grade II listed buildings. It is home to St Piers School and College, which provide specialist education, residential care, therapy and medical support. From the campus, Young Epilepsy also delivers health and research services, alongside information, support and campaigning for children and young people with epilepsy across the UK.

Across this diverse estate, we are taking practical steps to reduce energy consumption, carbon emissions and waste, while making the best use of our resources and protecting the natural environment. We are committed to understanding and managing energy use across our buildings, transport activities and estate operations, using data and monitoring systems to identify significant areas of consumption and opportunities for improvement. This approach supports our compliance with energy management and reporting obligations and helps ensure that investment is targeted where it can achieve the greatest environmental and operational benefit.

Our plans include developing a long-term clean energy strategy, installing solar panels on buildings, improving energy monitoring and reporting, increasing the efficiency of our buildings and equipment, moving away from oil heating and exploring lower-carbon transport solutions. We will continue to assess and prioritise cost-effective energy-saving opportunities, supporting both carbon reduction and financial sustainability.

Alongside reducing emissions, we will strengthen the resilience of our estate to the effects of climate change through sustainable water management, waste reduction and recycling, biodiversity enhancement and nature restoration, responsible procurement, and the sensitive stewardship of our listed and historic buildings.

We will measure and regularly review our energy use, carbon emissions and wider environmental performance, reporting progress to trustees and other stakeholders. Our climate and energy plans will be informed by evidence, monitored through clear governance arrangements, and updated as our estate, services and regulatory requirements evolve. By

making meaningful, evidence-led improvements, we aim to care for our environment and help protect the future of the children and young people we are here to support.

Trustees will receive an annual review of climate, energy and carbon performance, including progress against agreed action plans and energy efficiency measures.

Where applicable, Young Epilepsy will undertake periodic energy assessments and develop action plans to identify, implement and monitor energy efficiency opportunities across the organisation, supporting continual improvement in environmental performance.