

## **1. Name of company and homepage URL**

Vygon UK Ltd – [www.vygon.co.uk](http://www.vygon.co.uk)

## **2. General description of type of products (rather than a long detailed list of each device)**

Vascular access, regional anaesthesia, IV management, neonatology and enteral feeding.

## **3. Brief description of the company's environmental profile, 2-3 sentence overview:**

The Vygon environment policy was recognised by the award of ISO 14 001 certification for Vygon's principal production site in France.

## **4. Historical data on carbon footprint (actual amount), other issues e.g. plasticisers. etc.**

Our total Scope 1 & 2 emissions for 2016 were - 1,592 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>.

Vygon products are made of materials that are not environmentally sustainable, as materials like PVC, polyethylene, polycarbonate and silicone are the only materials at this time that are safe to use on patients. Vygon Group invests a large per cent of their profits into research and development, and we always look for ways to find alternative materials. Most of our products are latex-free, and we have moved away from using DEHP, with silicone versions available for all DEHP-containing products.

## **5. Strategy for reductions in the above**

The Vygon (UK) Ltd fleet of vehicles has been addressed as one of our Business Responsibility issues. Even though the number of vehicles increases every year, we were able to make significant reductions in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by converting to low-emission models. The following reductions have been made in the last three years: 2014 – 6.32%, 2015 – 5.42%, 2016 – 9.2%. We have started to slowly introduce hybrid and electric vehicles into our fleet too.

## **6. Other strategic aims and achievements relating to the environment**

Our literature has biodegradable lamination so is fully recyclable. We have converted to use of carbon-balanced paper leading to reduction in carbon used and saved 416 Kg CO<sub>2</sub> in a year.

We've introduced advertising e-shots to replace posted versions.

It is our policy to reuse and recycle where possible, and all of our landfill waste is sent off for incineration. During 2016, we recycled a total amount of 18.5 tonnes of waste including plastic, paper, metal and wood; and a further 74 tonnes were incinerated.

All outer Vygon box packaging, whether purchased at our manufacturing units or used in our central store in Swindon, is made of 100% recycled material.

Vygon have centralized storage for all members of the Group, reducing energy and significantly reducing product transportation.

At our manufacturing site in France, water is reused in our closed water system.

In our sterilization process, ethylene oxide is destroyed by catalytic oxidation. Vygon has invested heavily in this process, and it prevents toxic emissions being released into the atmosphere.

**7. URL link to company website where specific environmental info is available**

<http://www.vygon.co.uk/company/corporate>

**8. Email address of company contact for specific environmental issues**

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