

EStorm HOCl – Horizon Scanning Statement

1. Purpose

EStorm HOCl is committed to staying aware of emerging risks, regulatory changes, and sustainability requirements that may affect our products, supply chain, or obligations as an NHS supplier. As a micro-enterprise, horizon scanning is integrated into our routine operational reviews and overseen directly by the two directors.

2. Approach to Horizon Scanning

We monitor developments across the following areas:

Regulatory and Policy Changes

- Updates to NHS procurement requirements, including Evergreen Assessment developments
- UK Government sustainability policies (e.g., Net Zero strategy, PPN updates)
- Chemical safety regulations relevant to disinfectant products
- Packaging and waste legislation affecting recyclability and material use

Supply Chain Risks

- Availability and sustainability performance of UK-based suppliers
- Changes in raw material pricing or environmental impact
- Supplier compliance with modern slavery and ethical sourcing expectations

Environmental and Market Trends

- Innovations in low-toxicity disinfectant technology
- Shifts in customer expectations around sustainability
- Opportunities to reduce emissions through packaging, transport, or production improvements

3. Monitoring Methods

EStorm HOCl uses simple but effective methods to stay informed:

- Annual review of NHS Evergreen guidance
- Regular checks of supplier sustainability information
- Monitoring updates from UK Government and regulatory bodies
- Direct communication with suppliers regarding upcoming changes
- Internal review of production processes and packaging options

4. Actions Taken as a Result of Horizon Scanning

Our horizon scanning has already informed several improvements:

- Strengthening UK-based sourcing to reduce transport emissions
- Planning packaging optimisation to improve recyclability
- Improving batch planning to reduce waste
- Exploring renewable energy tariffs for our home-based workspace
- Preparing for mandatory Evergreen Level 1 compliance from April 2026

5. Governance

Horizon scanning is overseen by the two directors of EStorm HOCL.

They are responsible for:

- Reviewing relevant updates at least annually
- Assessing risks and opportunities
- Implementing changes to maintain compliance and sustainability
- Ensuring alignment with NHS Net Zero and social value goals