

# ***EStorm HOCl – Social Value Statement***

## **1. Overview**

EStorm HOCl is a micro-enterprise based in West London, manufacturing and supplying non-toxic Hypochlorous Acid disinfectant products. As a micro business business, we embed social value directly into our daily operations, prioritising environmental responsibility, ethical sourcing, community wellbeing and safe, low-impact products that support public health.

## **2. Supporting Environmental Sustainability**

EStorm HOCl contributes to environmental improvement through:

### *Environmentally considerate formulations*

- Our Hypochlorous Acid (HOCl) products are non-toxic, biodegradable disinfectant that reduces chemical exposure for staff, patients, and the wider community.

### *Low-impact packaging*

- We use minimal and recyclable packaging and are actively improving material efficiency and recyclability.

### *Local and UK-based sourcing*

- We prioritise UK suppliers wherever possible, reducing transport emissions and supporting the domestic supply chain.

### *Waste reduction*

- We are strengthening batch planning to minimise waste, reduce unnecessary deliveries, and optimising production efficiency.

### *Digital-first operations*

- We avoid printing wherever possible, reducing paper use and associated emissions.

## **3. Supporting Local Communities**

As a small, community-rooted business, we contribute to local social value through:

#### *Local employment*

- EStorm HOCl is run by two directors and hire on a demand basis people living in the local area, contributing to local economic resilience.

#### *Accessible, safe products*

- Our non-toxic disinfectants support safer cleaning practices in homes, workplaces, and public sector environments.

#### *Knowledge sharing*

- We promote awareness of safe, low-impact cleaning methods and the benefits of non-toxic disinfectants.
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### **3. Ethical and Responsible Business Practices**

EStorm HOCl operates with integrity and transparency:

#### *Modern slavery prevention*

- We work with a small number of reputable UK-based suppliers and conduct basic due diligence annually.
- We maintain a zero-tolerance approach to modern slavery and complete the Modern Slavery Assessment Tool (MSAT) as required.

#### *Fair and responsible sourcing*

- We engage suppliers on sustainability expectations and encourage responsible practices across our supply chain.
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### **4. Supporting the NHS's Net Zero and Social Value Goals**

EStorm HOCl aligns with NHS priorities by:

- Committing to Net Zero by 2050
- Publishing a Carbon Reduction Plan compliant with PPN 06/21
- Completing the Evergreen Supplier Assessment
- Providing low-toxicity products that support safer environments
- Strengthening sustainability across our operations and supply chain

## 5. Continuous Improvement

We are committed to ongoing progress, including:

- Further reducing packaging impact
- Improving Scope 3 emissions data
- Exploring renewable energy tariffs
- Consolidating shipments to reduce transport emissions • Increasing engagement with suppliers on sustainability