

Annual Sustainability Report for 2023:

Milton Keynes Veterinary Group enrolled with Investors in the Environment in March 2022 to improve our sustainability as a practice, and focus on reducing our environmental impact whilst providing high level care to our patients.

We are a passionate team, determined to reduce our environmental impact while maintaining our current high standard of care. In July 2023 we achieved Silver Level accreditation with Investors in the Environment. This is testament to the hard work from the whole team.



We have seen a steady decline in our carbon footprint, from 181.78 tCO₂e in 2021, to 68.33 in 2022, to 63.33 in 2023.

We have continued to expand our understanding of areas we can improve our sustainability. CPD events such as London Vet Show were an ideal opportunity for team members to gather ideas on new products and approaches to sustainable veterinary practice. We have also gained a greater understanding of the sustainability of our suppliers.

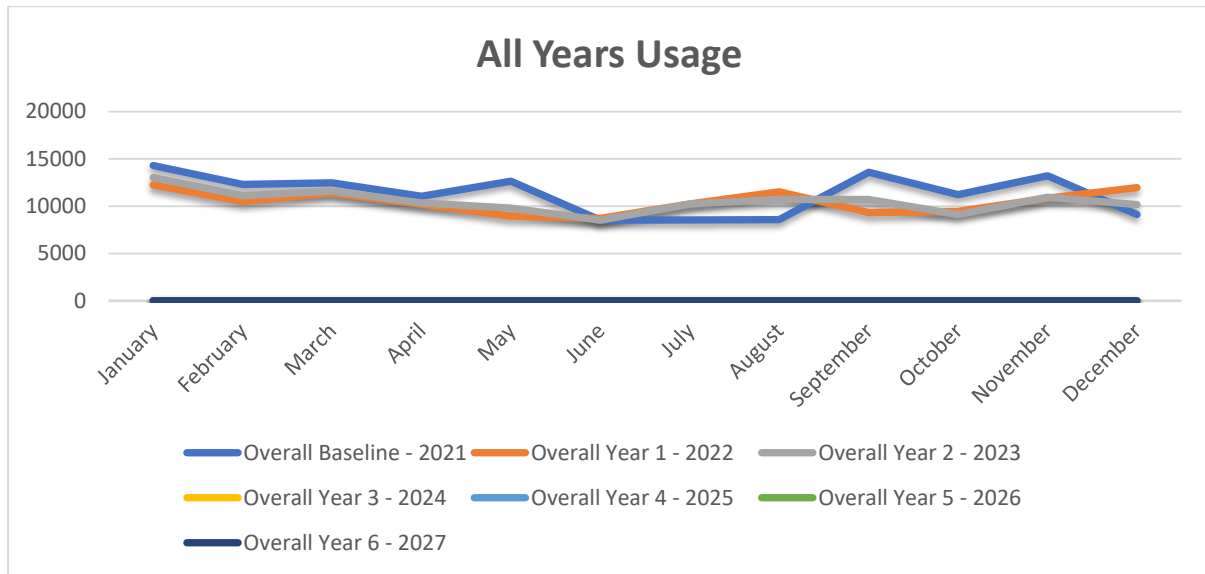
We continue to promote good waste segregation with signage across all sites, and use an increasing number of single use products that are now fully recyclable such as syringe and needle packaging, and autoclave packaging. We encourage our team members to recycle soft plastics locally or via Charity Recycling MK through the practice.

We have undertaken projects for National Walking Week, and National Vegetarian Week. In November, our team planted saplings donated by The Woodland Trust with the assistance of Loughton Parish Council. The two locations will be no mow areas moving forward, encouraging native wildflowers and increasing biodiversity. Our Stony Stratford branch has seen the introduction of swift boxes to improve our outside spaces and encourage wildlife.

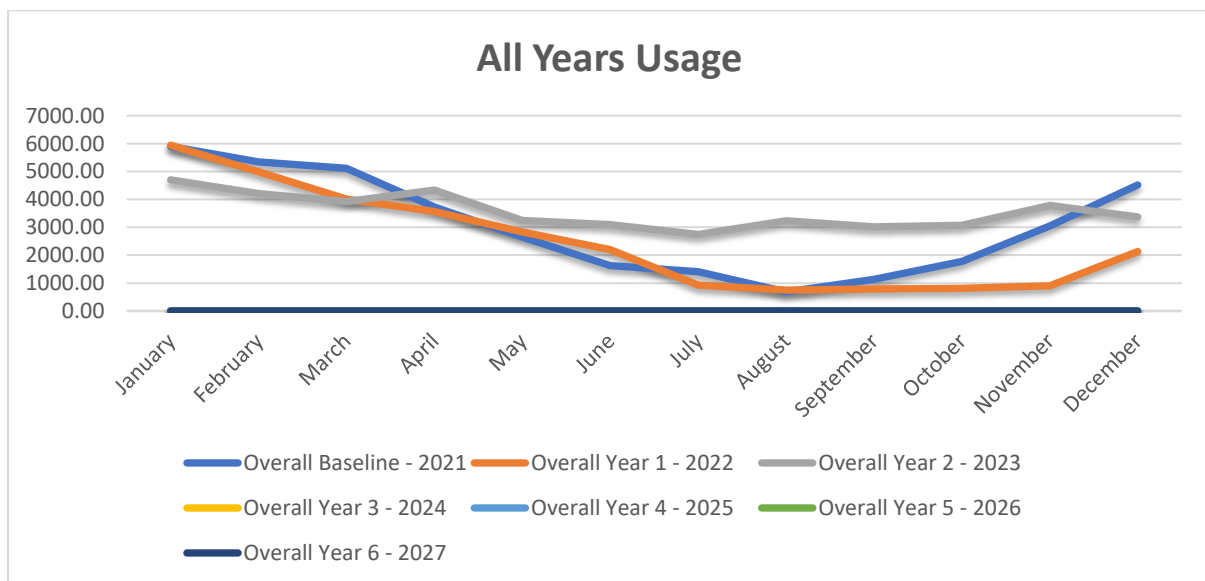
Over the past year while many resources have decreased, we have seen an increase in gas and paper usage. In 2024 we will concentrate our efforts on reducing these. As a starting point, we are implementing a paper-free welcome pack for new clients. In January 2024 we implemented new heat settings for the theatres, which we plan to roll out to the consulting rooms so provide more comfortable and efficient heating of the buildings. We are also planning to improve our water free hand disinfection in the consulting rooms to reduce our water and paper towel usage.

A selection of graphs are included to show the resources measured since 2021. The figures next to each resource show the increase or decrease in usage in 2023 compared to 2022 (baseline year).

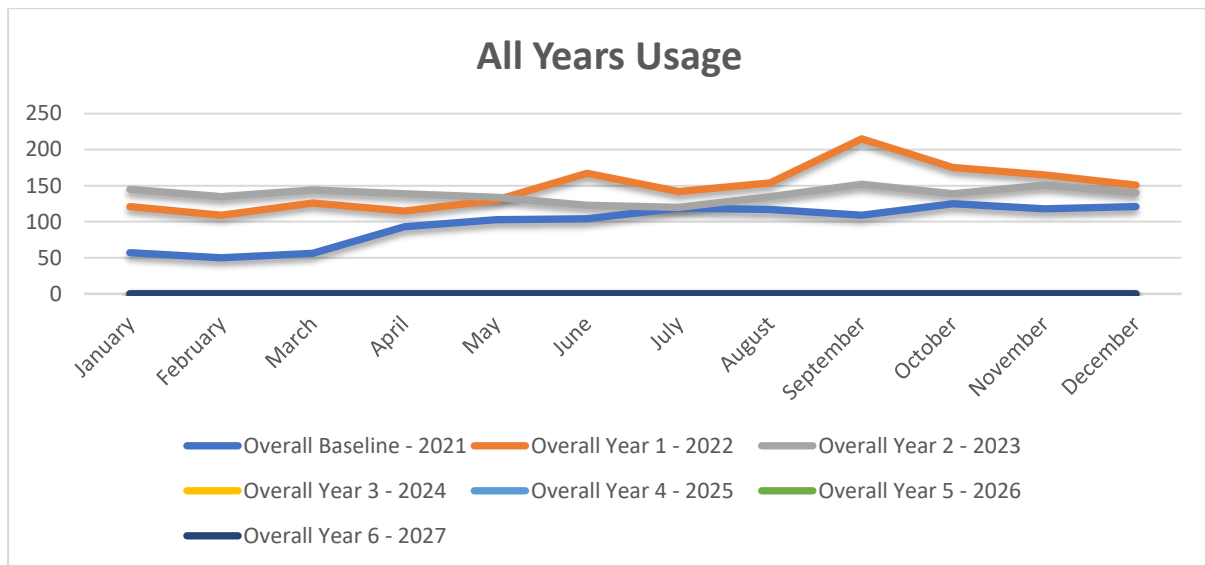
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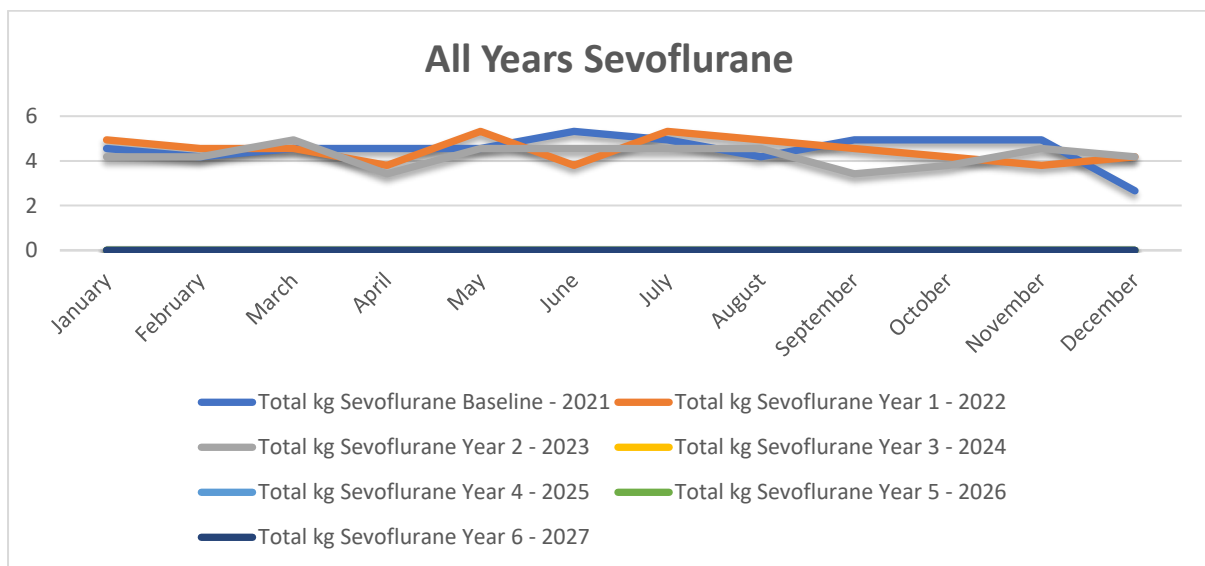
Gas: 43%



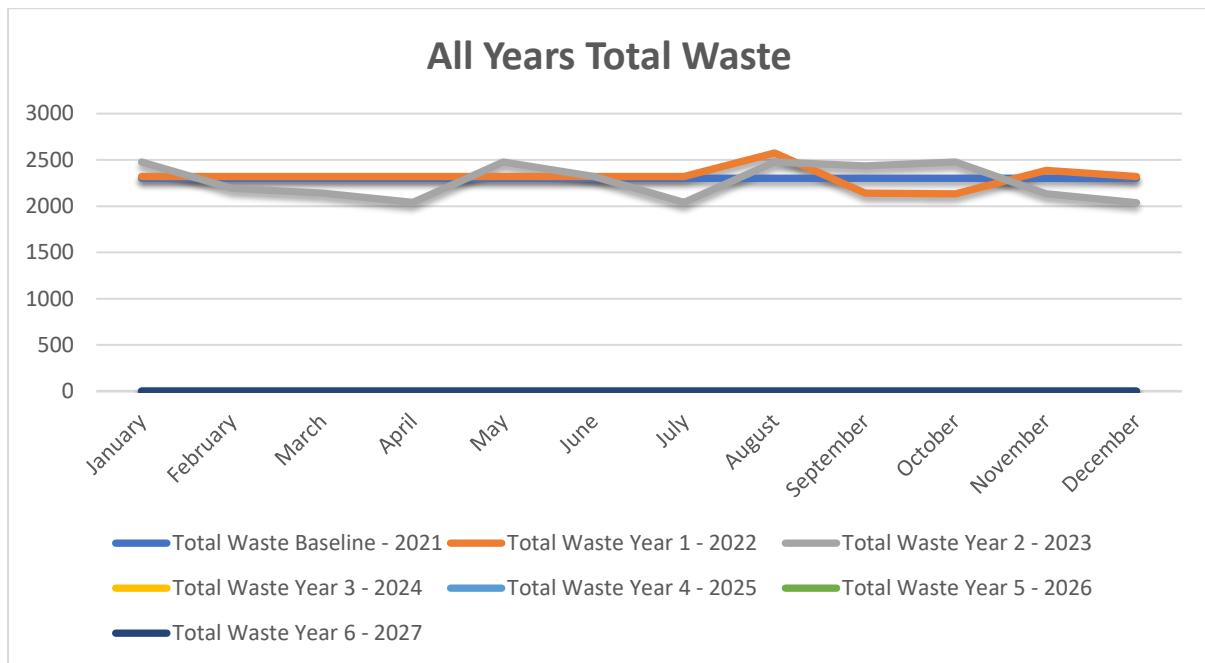
Water: -6%



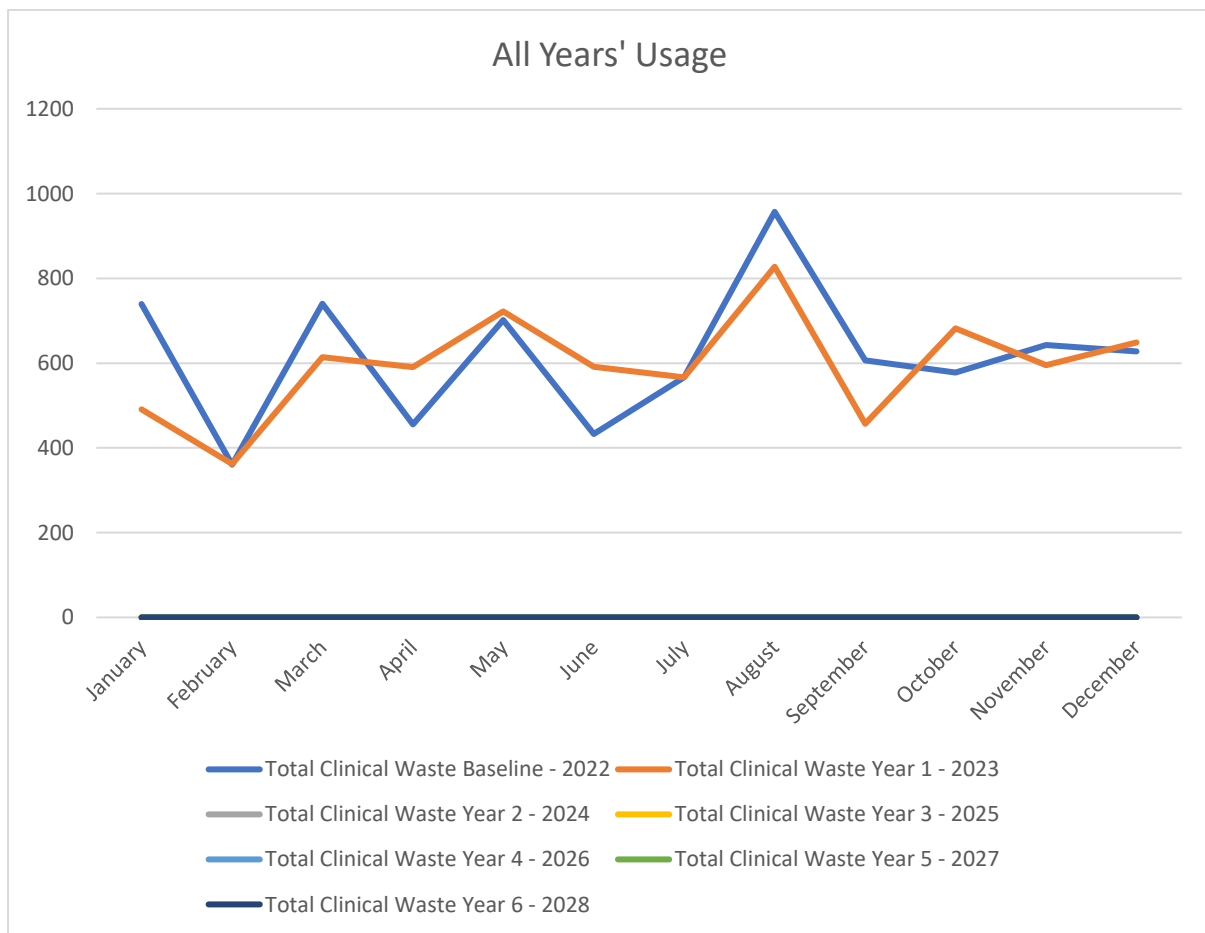
Anaesthetic Gases: -5.63%



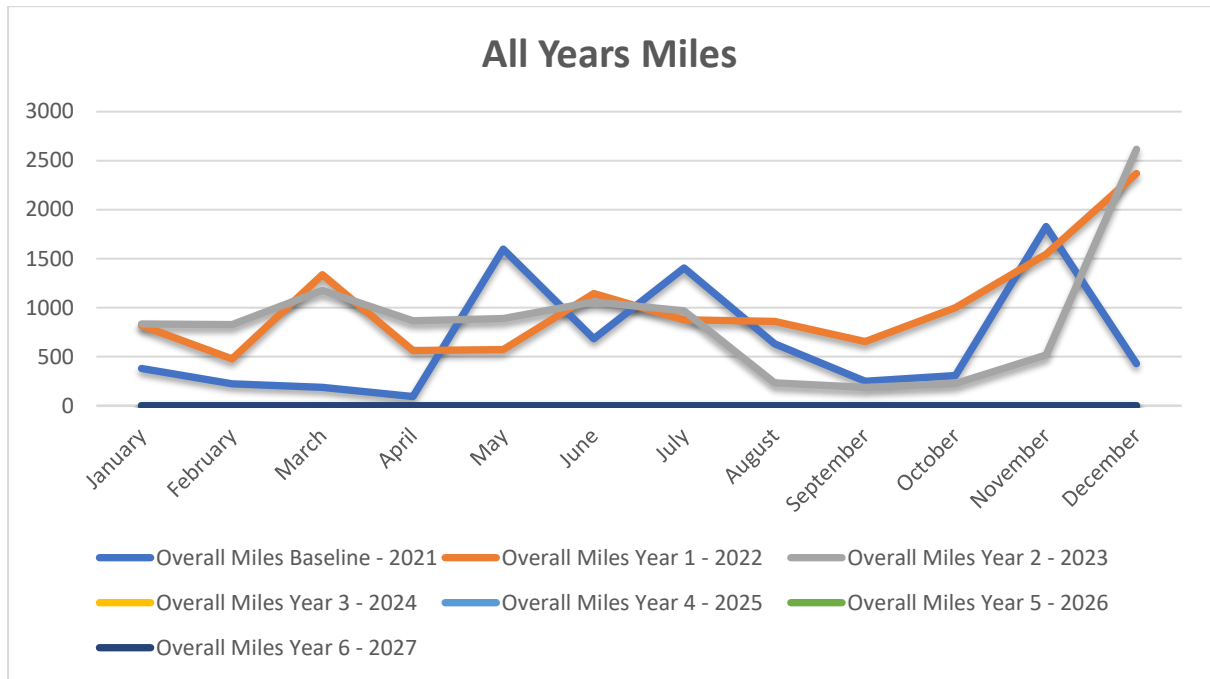
Waste (general and recycling): -1.97%



Clinical waste: -2.77%



Transport: -14.87%



Paper: 41.21%

