

# Carbon Reduction Plan



## Commitment to achieving Net Zero

Boots is committed to achieving the NHS target to be Net Zero emissions by 2050 or earlier. We are also a signatory of the British Retail Consortium (BRC) commitment for the UK retail industry to collectively reach Net Zero by 2040 and, in Ireland, the Business in the Community Ireland (BITCI) collective target to reach Net Zero by 2040.

## Our 'Bootprint'

Our baseline and current year data scoping, collection and analysis has been performed in line with the Greenhouse Gas Protocol Corporate Standard. This assessment includes Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions across the entire Boots (UK, ROI, Opticians) and No7 Beauty Company value chains, covering the financial year September 1 – August 31. We include all Scope 3 categories relevant to our business:

Scope 3.01: Purchased goods & services

Scope 3.02: Capital goods

Scope 3.03: Fuel and energy related (not included in scope 1 and 2)

Scope 3.04: Upstream transportation and distribution

Scope 3.05: Waste generated in operations

Scope 3.06: Business travel

Scope 3.07: Employee commuting

Scope 3.09: Downstream transportation and distribution




Scope 3.11: Use of sold products

Scope 3.12: End of life of sold products




Scope 3.13: Downstream leased assets

Scope 3.14: Franchises

## Baseline year emissions (2022)

Emissions	Total (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)
 Scope 1	79,136
 Scope 2 (location based)	42,708
 Scope 3 (included sources)	1,026,131
<b>Total emissions</b>	<b>1,147,975</b>

## Current year emissions (2023)

Emissions	Total (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)
 Scope 1	79,400
 Scope 2 (location based)	43,253
 Scope 3 (included sources)	995,482
<b>Total emissions</b>	<b>1,118,135</b>

## Carbon reduction initiatives

Boots has an emissions reduction plan in place to help deliver our ambitions and each year we calculate our carbon footprint so that we can measure our progress. We have a number of initiatives in place to reduce our scopes 1, 2 and 3 emissions.

These include transitioning to LED lighting, implementing chiller doors and installing building management systems to improve efficiency in energy consumption in stores. We are targeting transport emissions by reducing the number of everyday deliveries across our logistics network, optimising our delivery routes and exploring hybrid vehicles and alternative fuels.

To address emissions from our products, we are introducing a system to collate supplier carbon footprints and reduction plans, as well as delivering Life Cycle Assessments on key products to improve data quality and identify hotspots. As an active member of the Sustainable Medicines Partnership, we are working to reduce waste of medicines and from medicines. We enable our customers to recycle a number of hard to recycle items including insulin pens, medication blister packs and health and beauty packaging.

We have net zero leads in place for all areas of the business who have received carbon training and lead emissions reduction activities in their area. The leads meet on a regular basis and feed into our ESG steering group where the overall emissions reduction plan is reviewed and approved twice-yearly.

## Declaration

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been completed in accordance with PPN 06/21 and associated guidance and reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans.

Emissions have been reported and recorded in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the GHG Reporting Protocol corporate standard<sup>1</sup> and uses the appropriate Government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting<sup>2</sup>.

Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions have been reported in accordance with SECR requirements, and the required subset of Scope 3 emissions have been reported in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Standard<sup>3</sup>.

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been reviewed and signed off by the board of directors (or equivalent management body).

**Signed on behalf of Boots:**

**Date:**

2 April 2024



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<sup>1</sup> <https://ghgprotocol.org/corporate-standard>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-conversion-factors-for-company-reporting>

<sup>3</sup> <https://ghgprotocol.org/standards/scope-3-standard>