

BVA sustainable travel policy

Who we are

The British Veterinary Association (BVA) is the national representative body for the veterinary profession in the United Kingdom. With over 19,000 members, our primary aim is to represent, support and champion the interests of the whole UK veterinary profession. We provide leadership on a wide range of issues affecting the profession, including animal health and welfare, public health, regulatory issues, employment matters and the wellbeing of the profession.

Our commitment

At BVA, we are striving to reduce our impact on the environment and to demonstrate leadership within the veterinary profession and in representing the profession in wider society.

We acknowledge that any travel required by our operations has an

providing advice and guidance to help staff make informed decisions and sustainable choices for their travel arrangements, and to raise awareness of why it is important to do so

Visitor travel

For all visitors travelling to our office or external events, we will work to reduce the amount of travel required and the environmental footprint of those journeys by:

considering whether meetings can be held virtually, and offering virtual attendance options for in-person meetings

continuing to promote and improve use of our AV equipment, to support hybrid and virtual meetings

providing clear information for visitors, including on our website, showing how to reach our office and our event venues by sustainable means, e.g., by public transport

Travel champion

Our Travel Champion (Darren Fahy) will communicate the travel policy and any related initiatives to staff, answer staff questions around travel and travel initiatives, and gather staff feedback to continually improve the policy and initiatives.

The travel champion will circulate an annual travel survey to staff to understand how they travel and how they can best be supported to reduce the associated carbon footprint.


Staff can contact greengroup@bva.co.uk with any questions for the travel champion.

Responsibility

We will continue to improve our travel policy through annual reviews and updates, taking into account any changes within legislation, our organisation, and other factors. We will share this policy with all our employees and make sure they are provided with regular updates in order to increase awareness of environmental matters.

It is the responsibility of all employees and visitors to fully support this policy through active participation and cooperation. Any barriers or issues implementing the policy should be reported to the green group for discussion.

BVA will make this policy available when requested to interested parties including members of the public, including making a copy available on BVA's website.

Signed:  Date: 23rd August 2024

BVA Chief Executive