

Challenges:

One of the biggest sustainability challenges faced by VPS UK is accurately measuring and reducing emissions across a II three scopes, particularly Scope 3, where data from a complex multi-supplier network can be difficult to obtain and influence.

To address this challenge, VPS UK has established a Net Zero pathway and is working closely with suppliers to improve data transparency and accountability.

As a technology-led security provider, another key challenge is driving innovation within the supply chain to accelerate lower-emission solutions, including solar-powered and alternative-powered monitored systems. This must be balanced with ensuring that technology remains operationally effective, logistically viable and commercially sustainable. Investment in alternative-powered monitored technology reflects this ongoing commitment.

Decarbonising a nationwide operation also requires continuous fleet and energy transition. Maintaining service continuity while achieving meaningful emissions reductions remains a critical balance for the organisation.

Impact:

Engagement with the Supply Chain Sustainability School has supported VPS UK in shaping colleague development across the business. Leadership teams have attended webinars and completed e-learning modules, helping to identify training gaps across a broad range of subjects including sustainability, digital enablement and people-focused initiatives.

VPS UK is a values-led organisation that recognises people as its most important asset, with inclusivity and diversity representing a key area of focus. Access to the Supply Chain Sustainability School's training tools has helped guide decisions within the organisation's people plan for 2026. VPS UK is now progressing on its journey to develop neurodiversity e-learning for all people managers.

Value gained:

Access to the Supply Chain Sustainability School enables VPS UK to benchmark organisational maturity against supply chains and clients. The platform is viewed as an important enabler that supports meaningful conversations shaping the future of the temporary security sector.

Fact box



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275

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Services

Provision, design and monitoring of temporary security solutions including intruder alarms, SaferPods and CCTV towers, alongside physical security and guarding services

About

VPS UK is Europe's leading temporary security specialist, using risk mitigation frameworks to identify and reduce threats to client assets. Using the 4Ds approach, Deter, Detect, Delay and Deny, VPS UK delivers blended solutions through monitored technology, physical security and human intervention services.

The organisation provides monitored technology solutions, physical security systems and specialist services including property guardians, construction security, manned guarding, patrols and inspections.

Achieving the Gold Badge demonstrates VPS UK's commitment to continually improving understanding of topics related to carbon reduction, equality, diversity and inclusion, and digital risk. Regular training also supports ongoing compliance with legislation and helps the organisation remain aware of emerging changes and industry developments.

Membership supports capability-building across the workforce while enhancing organisational credibility and supporting opportunities to win new business. Many tender requirements increasingly request independent recognition of ESG progress, and engagement with the Supply Chain Sustainability School helps VPS UK demonstrate this commitment.

Future proofing:

VPS UK aims to continue leveraging the resources provided by the Supply Chain Sustainability School by enrolling additional colleagues onto learning pathways that support the organisation's journey towards Net Zero.

The organisation remains committed to creating a culture where all colleagues can thrive, develop social mobility opportunities and contribute positively to wider communities.