



RAV4 Hybrids Prove Perfect For DHU Health Care

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Toyota's hybrid fleet business continues to gather momentum with DHU Health Care placing an order for eight RAV4 self-charging hybrid-electric SUVs.

A non-profit business (Community Interest Company), DHU Health Care supplies vital medical and care services to more than five million people across the East Midlands. Its new RAV4 hybrids will replace a range of conventionally powered SUVs used by its teams of doctors, palliative home care teams, district nurses and other care providers.

The Toyota RAV4 meets all the company's fleet priorities, not least in using an electrified powertrain that delivers lower exhaust emissions and higher fuel economy, together with competitive all-round running costs. It also provides all the interior and load space necessary to carry a wide range of medical equipment.

All-wheel drive is another prime requirement, ensuring DHU Health Care can reach people in remote locations and in all weather conditions. RAV4 is equipped with the latest development of Toyota's AWD-i electric all-wheel drive, which is lighter and more fuel-efficient than a mechanical 4x4 drivetrain yet provides secure handling and performance on rough and slippery surfaces.

A DHU Health Care spokesperson said: "We wanted to future-proof our fleet with a vehicle that has a strong environmental profile, yet also has the strength and reliability we need to be sure of getting to our customers, around the clock, 365 days a year. After an initial test of the RAV4 we were very impressed with its all-round performance, it is the ideal vehicle for our fleet."

The vehicles are supplied through Inchcape Toyota in Derby with funding supported through Toyota Financial Services. Stuart Ferma, General Manager Toyota and Lexus Fleet, said: "This is a significant vote of confidence in RAV4 as a perfect all-round fleet proposition. It has all the built-in quality, durability and reliability that vital service providers like DHU Health Care demand, while at the same time giving a level of fuel and emissions efficiency its competitors cannot match."

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