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Dear Requestor

**RE: Freedom of Information Request**

With reference to your request for information I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we partially hold the information that you have requested. A response to each part of your request is below.

In the request you asked:

**Q1.** Please provide your ICB definition for “local” in regard to the procurement of goods and services.

The ICB does not hold this information.

**Q2.** Please provide your ICB definition for “minority” in instances such as minority-owned businesses and similar contexts.

The ICB does not hold this information.

**Q3.** Please state any energy commitments your ICB are implementing over the next 1-3 years, and what you require from ASC providers to help achieve your ICB commitments to net zero carbon ambitions etc.

Nationally we have two key net zero targets that have embedded within them the requirement to move to renewable energy and decarbonise the estate. The two targets are:

- For the emissions we control directly (the NHS Carbon Footprint), we will reach net zero by 2040, with an ambition to reach an 80% reduction by 2028 to 2032; (scope 1 and 2)
- For the emissions we can influence (our NHS Carbon Footprint Plus), we will reach net zero by 2045, with an ambition to reach an 80% reduction by 2036 to 2039. (scope 3)

From 1 April 2023, NHS organisations require all suppliers of new contracts for goods, services, and / or works with an anticipated contract value above £5 million per year (excluding VAT) to publish a Carbon Reduction Plan (CRP) for their emissions from the sources included in scope 1 and 2 of the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) protocol and a defined subset of scope 3 emissions.

The requirement for a carbon reduction plan will be required by all supplier regardless of contract value from April 2027.

**Q4.** Please can you provide a copy of, or a link to your current ESG policy statement, guidance, support and/or commitments or requirements as an ICB.

The Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System has developed a Greener ICS Plan that sets out why we need to make a change and how we will do it. In addition to this the organisations that make up our Integrated Care Partnership have also produced their own plans and we are working together to deliver against our green ambitions.

You can read the ICS Green Plan here - <https://healthandcarenotts.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/ICS-Green-Plan-2022-to-2025.pdf>

You can read individual organisation plans by following one of the links below:

- Nottinghamshire Health Care Trust - <https://www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/download.cfm?doc=docm93jjim4n10156>
- Nottingham University Hospital - <https://www.nuh.nhs.uk/latest-news/green-plan-will-reduce-carbon-footprint-save-money-and-benefit-patients-6237>
- Sherwood Forest Hospitals - <https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/media/11897/sfh-green-plan-2021-2026.pdf>
- Nottingham City Council - <https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/media/rtdli3vq/2028-carbon-neutral-action-plan-v2-160620.pdf>
- Nottingham County Council - <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/climate-change>

**Q5.** Please provide information relating to any requirements necessary in respect of ESG for ASC providers to work with your ICB, and state any weighting or scoring this may have on your decision to work with such ASC provider now or in the future.

The ICB does not hold this information. A review of the ICB's Procurement Policy is due to be completed by January 2024 and will refer to the social value and benefits of local suppliers and SME's; this Policy will be published on our website in the near future.

If you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) have an internal review procedure through which you can raise any concerns you might have. Further details of this procedure can be obtained by contacting Lucy Branson, Associate Director of Governance via [lucy.branson@nhs.net](mailto:lucy.branson@nhs.net) or by writing to FOI Team at NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB, Sir John Robinson House, Sir John Robinson Way, Arnold, Daybrook, Nottingham, NG5 6DA.

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), who will consider whether the organisation has complied with its obligations under the Act and can require the organisation to remedy any problems. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/>

Complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office should be sent to:

FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 123 1113 or report a concern via <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information (FOI) Officer on behalf of *NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board*

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