

Freedom of Information Request – Reference: FOI-798

Subject: Environmental, Social and Governance

	<p>Pre-amble To enable care providers to work effectively with Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) to meet their Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) commitments, the following information request looks to establish key information critical for Adult Social Care (ASC) providers to support ICBs to meet those commitments.</p>	<p>Response from ICB</p>
<p>1</p>	<p>Please provide your ICB definition for “local” in regard to the procurement of goods and services. Note: <i>if you do not have a specific definition, please offer guidance to ASC providers as to how they should consider this in regard to supporting your ICB.</i></p>	<p>The definition of local will differ for each procurement based on the service being procured. For an ICB-wide service, ‘local’ will relate to the BLMK footprint; if it is a service specific to a particular place/local authority area, the local may be more specific to that area only.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>Please provide your ICB definition for “minority” in instances such as minority-owned businesses and similar contexts. Note: <i>if you do not have a specific definition, please offer guidance to ASC providers as to how they should consider this in regard to supporting your ICB.</i></p>	<p>We do not have a definition.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Please state any energy commitments your ICB are implementing over the next 1-3 years, and what you require</p>	<p>The NHS is committed to achieving a net zero position by 2040 for NHS Carbon Footprint (all Scopes 1 and 2, and some Scope 3 emissions), which</p>

	from ASC providers to help achieve your ICB commitments to net zero carbon ambitions etc.	<p>includes energy and emissions related to buildings, and 2045 for NHS Carbon Footprint Plus (which includes most Scope 3 emissions).</p> <p>As per the NHS Standard Contract provider organisations are expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - take action to phase out fossil fuels for primary heating and replace them with less polluting alternatives; - as far as reasonably feasible, all electricity it purchases is from Renewable Sources (if it is an NHS Trust or an NHS Foundation Trust).
4	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.	<p>ICS Green Plan 2022 – 2025: https://blmkhealthandcarepartnership.org/~documents/route%3A/download/43/</p>
5	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.	<p>The ICB does not procure ASC.</p> <p>When we do procure services, all providers are required to adhere to the terms of the NHS Standard Contract in relation to ESG.</p> <p>We follow procurement guidance in terms of:</p> <p>a) the inclusion of at least 10% of our scoring relating to social value; (see https://www.england.nhs.uk/greenernhs/publication/applying-net-zero-and-social-value-in-the-procurement-of-nhs-goods-and-services/); and</p> <p>b) all potential suppliers must have a Carbon Reduction Plan in place (see https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/carbon-reduction-plan-requirements-for-the-procurement-of-nhs-goods-services-and-works/). This applies to contracts of £5m or more for financial year 2023/24 and all contracts from April 2024 onwards.</p>

The above information is correct at: 24 October 2023