



# Kent and Medway

Ref: FOI.23.KAM324

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Sent via email

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Dear Mr Rickatson

## **RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 received on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 by NHS Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board (ICB). The information you have requested is listed below together with the response:

### **Environmental, Social and Governance Freedom of Information Request.**

#### **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.**

- 1. Please provide your ICB definition for “local” in regard to the procurement of goods and services. Note: 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.**
- 2. Please provide your ICB definition for “minority” in instances such as minority-owned businesses and similar contexts. Note: 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.**

#### **Response Q1 & Q2**

Kent and Medway ICB does not hold this information. Under s16 Advice and Assistance, the ICB can advise if this definition is from a specific ICB document or criteria they maybe able to help with this further.

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**Website:** [www.kentandmedway.icb.nhs.uk](http://www.kentandmedway.icb.nhs.uk)

**3. 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.**

The ICB's Green Plan can be found on the ICBs website and viewed by using the following link: <https://www.kentandmedway.icb.nhs.uk/about-us/strategies-policies-and-frameworks>

**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.**

This Green Plan sets out our commitments over the next 1 to 3 years. NHS Kent and Medway is also committed to becoming Net Zero in line with the rest of the NHS in England. Details of this commitment can be found here: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/greenernhs/a-net-zero-nhs/>

**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.**

NHS Kent and Medway ICB can provide the procurement policy and link to the NHS contract - [NHS England » NHS Standard Contract](#) . The NHS contracts holds all of the **current** national requirements for providers for healthcare services. The ICB does not specify currently any local terms for ESG in our contracts however providers should be away of the national roadmap - [NHS England » Carbon reduction plan requirements for the procurement of NHS goods, services and works](#). The NHS contracts team will update the contract regularly and providers will need to comply with changing requirements.

We hope that this has dealt with your request for information however, should you remain dissatisfied, you have the right to request that we conduct an internal review of the way we have handled your request. If you would like us to conduct such a review please contact us within two months of this letter:

Email [kmicb.foi@nhs.net](mailto:kmicb.foi@nhs.net) or

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Your request for an internal review will then be processed in accordance with our Freedom of Information Policy. If you are still dissatisfied following the internal review, you have the right under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner provides full and detailed guidance on the Freedom of Information Act and on when and how to complain.

Please find below the link to their website page and their helpline number.

<https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/official-information/>

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Helpline number: 0303 123 1113

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response, which will protect your anonymity, will be posted on the NHS Kent and Medway ICB website.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team  
NHS Kent and Medway ICB**