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Dear

FOI-10-572

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 19th October 2023. We can confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board can provide the following information.

An anonymised copy of this response will be made publicly available on the ICB website.

Please see our responses in blue below:

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.

Questions

- 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.***

Generally speaking, local refers to the “Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent” geographical footprint. For example, our procurement policy refers to local policies, plans, local authorities. These would all be those within our geographical footprint.

- 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.***

As an ICB we do not have a definition of “minority”.

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 procurement policy details how the Net Zero is incorporated into formal procurements.
- <https://staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk/your-nhs-integrated-care-board/our-publications/governance-handbook/all-policies/finance-policies/>
- The ICB are currently developing an infrastructure policy to support this.

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.

The ICB does not currently have one.

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.

The ICB does not currently have one.

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.

To request an internal review

You can request an internal review by contacting the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board FOI team by emailing the team at StaffsStokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk or by post to the address at the top of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board's FOI complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at:
Information Commissioner's Office
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**Staffordshire and
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Yours sincerely

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