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**ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS – DECISION NOTICE**

Dear Requester

**FOI Reference Number: 71752**

I refer to your email of 19 October 2023 requesting information in relation to Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) commitments.

I have processed your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) as the information requested is environmental according to the definition in regulation 2(1)(c) of the EIR. Please note section 39 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) exempts environmental information from the FOIA, but requires us to consider it under the EIR instead.

I can confirm on behalf of NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information that you have requested. Please see further details 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**

**Q1. 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.**

The ICB does not procure or commission adult social care. These services are procured by Lincolnshire County Council who should be able to assist you further specifically re adult social care. Contact details can be found at the following link: [Make a Freedom of Information request – Before you make a request - Lincolnshire County Council](#)

To assist you we can advise local may be defined as within the ICB operational/ geographic area. The definition will vary dependant on the project. If the service is countywide, then local will be relevant to the county of Lincolnshire.

If a project or service is in relation to a specific town or Community, local would be expected to apply to that specific area.

**Q2. 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.**

Please see response to Q1. To assist you the ICB’s procurement have an inclusive approach to suppliers, recognising the support and impact diverse minority suppliers may have in our local communities. We identify where our procurements are eligible to Small Medium Enterprises (SME’s) with an inclusive approach.

**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.**

Please see response to Q1 regarding adult social care. To assist you please see the following link for the Lincolnshire System Greener NHS Plan  
[Greener NHS - Lincolnshire ICB](#)

Additionally we can advise that from 1st April 2023 as per the requirements of Planning Policy Note (PPN) 06/21 - Carbon Reduction Plan (CRP), NHS organisations are required to ensure that all suppliers of new contracts for goods, services, and/or works with an anticipated contract value above £5 million per year (excluding VAT) publish a carbon reduction plan (CRP) for their emissions.

This is a recent requirement and CRP related questions and guidance for bidders have been incorporated into the ICB’s standard suite of procurement documents for all procurements where applicable (i.e. qualifying contract value). In line with PPN 06/21 guidance, the questions included are assessed on a Pass/Fail basis.

**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 ICB does not hold a policy, please see the link to the Green Plan above.

**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.**

Please see response to Q1.

I hope that this answers your queries with the information we currently hold, but if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to

Arden & GEM Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit  
FOI TEAM/Corporate Communications Team  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, St John's House  
East Street  
Leicester  
LE1 6NB

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided the ICB.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: telephone 0303 123 1113,  
email [icocasework@ico.org.uk](mailto:icocasework@ico.org.uk) and <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

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Yours faithfully

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***On behalf of  
NHS Lincolnshire ICB***