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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 8th October 2024. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Requested information:

This is in relation to the use of social value weighting of 10 per cent in your procurement of goods and services, which has been mandated by government for NHS Trusts and Foundation Trusts since April 2022.

Please send me:

1. What methods do you use to measure social value from your procurements? Please include any additional measurement methods you use (e.g. TOMs) as well as the NHS Social Value Model.
2. What is the total social value accrued by your procurement activities each year from April 2022, according to how you measure and report this at a corporate level? If possible, can you provide any explanatory notes to explain how you have measured this?
3. Do you use financial proxies to monetise the measurement of social value, such as social local economic value? If so:
 - a. Please specify the method or measure you use to monetise the measurement of social value
 - b. Please provide the total number of contracts to which you applied this financial proxy each financial year since April 2022
 - c. Please provide the total value of those contracts
 - d. Please provide the total monetized social value of those contracts
 - e. Please provide the total value of all contracts let during that same period
4. How much in total have you spent in procurement on local business/organisations, each financial year, since April 2022? Please including your definition of a local business/organisation, if you have one.
5. How much have you spent on SMEs each FY since April 2022? The government defines an SME as a company with fewer than 250 employees, turnover under €50m and balance sheet under €43. If the trust has a different definition then please provide it.

6. How much have you spent on VCSEs each FY since April 2022? Again, please include your definition of a VCSE if you have one.

Please fill in the responses in the attached Excel sheet if possible. Thank you.

Please see Appendix 1 attached.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review of the management of your request. 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: Dr Buki Adeyemo, Chief Executive, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust, Trust Headquarters, Lawton House, Bellringer Road, Trentham, ST4 8HH. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



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Trust name	Q1	Q2	Q2 explanatory text (if included)	Q3 a	Q3 b	Q3 c	Q3 d	Q3 e	Q4	Q4 definition	Q5	Q5 definition	Q6	Q6 definition
North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust	In all our tenders we include a minimum of 10% award criteria as part of the evaluation, however the specific criteria used will be dependant upon the type of procurement and is likely to vary between procurements. There is no single theme or method that we use consistently across all, but we would most likely refer to the NHSE guidance 'Applying net zero and social value in the procurement of NHS goods and services' to help identify appropriate themes.	We do not have the ability to measure social value within individual contracts.	N/A	None	None	None	None	None applicable to the monetisation of social value.	2022/23 £10,659k 2023/24 £9.975k 2024/25 M1-6 / Apr - Sep 24 £8,264k.	Our definition of local had been defined as any Supplier with an ST post code	This information is not recorded on Trust Purchase to Pay system. The North Midlands and Black Country Procurement Group review % usage of SME's in the local area.	Our definition of local had been defined as any Supplier with an ST post code	2022/23 £5,092k 2023/24 £5,371k 2024/25 M1-6 / Apr - Sep 24 £1,134k.	N/A