



# North East and North Cumbria

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## **Environmental Information Request (EIR) – NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB)**

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 19 October 2023 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB).

NENC ICB covers the areas of County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland and Tees Valley (which covers the 5 councils that make it up – Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows.

### **Your Request and our Response**

*We are responding with the overall context of Adult Social Care, we partially fund bits of this in line with local authority provers.*

**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.*

*If above assertion around adult social care is correct "local" would be defined as local authority and surrounding area, as ICB covers North East of England we don't have a defined local under any other context.*

**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.*

*We are not aware of any instances where we have defined minority-owned businesses nor would we label this.*

**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.

*Our Green plan can be found [here](#)*

**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

*As 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.

*We do not have any specific documents setting out the criteria, however Annex B of the above document sets out the targets which would be a good indication of criteria to look for.*

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Senior Governance Manager using the contact details at the top of this letter quoting the appropriate reference number.

If you are not content with the outcome your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the North of England Commissioning Support Unit.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely

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