

**Reference: FOI.ICB-2627/058**

**Subject: Responsible Procurement and Supplier Monitoring Information**

*I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:*

| QUESTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | RESPONSE                                                                |
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| <p>1. Does your organisation currently collect, record, or monitor supplier location data, including whether suppliers are classified as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• local to the authority area,</li> <li>• regional,</li> <li>• UK-wide,</li> <li>• or otherwise geographically categorised?</li> </ul> <p>If yes, please confirm:<br/>a) whether this is collected ad hoc or systematically;<br/>b) whether it is reportable centrally;<br/>c) whether reporting is available by spend and/or supplier count.</p> | <p>The ICB does not hold this information in these classifications.</p> |
| <p>2. Does your organisation currently collect, record, or monitor supplier size information, including whether suppliers are identified as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• micro businesses,</li> <li>• SMEs,</li> <li>• or large enterprises?</li> </ul> <p>If yes, please confirm:</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>The ICB does not hold this information.</p>                          |

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| <p>3. Does your organisation currently collect, record, or monitor supplier ownership or diversity characteristics, including (where voluntarily declared):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>female-owned businesses,</li> <li>minority-owned businesses,</li> <li>social enterprises,</li> <li>VCSEs,</li> <li>employee-owned businesses,</li> <li>or other diverse supplier classifications?</li> </ul> <p>If yes, please confirm:<br/>a) which classifications are monitored;<br/>b) whether this is collected ad hoc or systematically;<br/>c) whether it is reportable centrally.</p> | <p>Contracts are in place with VCSE providers and these are recorded within the ICB's contracts register, but we do not categorise contracts as stated in the question.</p> <p>The contract register can be accessed here;<br/><a href="#">ICB Contracts Register - BNSSG Healthier Together</a></p> <p>We would receive information about organisations via procurement procedures however again we do not categorise as stated in the question.</p> <p>The ICB uses the South Central and West Commissioning Support Unit. For further information please contact the CSU - <a href="mailto:contact@scwcsu.nhs.uk">contact@scwcsu.nhs.uk</a></p> |
| <p>4. Does your organisation currently collect, record, or monitor supplier Living Wage accreditation or equivalent fair employment commitments?</p> <p>If yes, please confirm:<br/>a) whether accreditation status is validated;<br/>b) whether it is monitored during contract life;<br/>c) whether this is reportable centrally.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p>As per Q3.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>5. Does your organisation currently collect, record, or monitor supplier Net Zero commitments, carbon reduction plans, or environmental credentials?</p> <p>If yes, please confirm:</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>As per Q3.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| <p>a) whether evidence is validated;<br/>b) whether progress is monitored during contract life;<br/>c) whether this is reportable centrally.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                         |
| <p>6. Does your organisation currently collect, record, or monitor supplier Modern Slavery statements, supply chain compliance declarations, or related ethical sourcing information?</p> <p>If yes, please confirm:<br/>a) whether statements are assessed or risk-rated;<br/>b) whether monitoring occurs during contract life;<br/>c) whether this is reportable centrally.</p>                                                                                                                                              | <p>As per Q3.</p>                                                       |
| <p>7. Does your organisation currently collect, record, or monitor supplier financial risk information, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• credit risk,</li> <li>• insolvency indicators,</li> <li>• CCJs,</li> <li>• or other forms of financial resilience assessment?</li> </ul> <p>If yes, please confirm:<br/>a) whether this is undertaken internally or via third-party providers;<br/>b) whether monitoring is ongoing or procurement-stage only;<br/>c) whether this is reportable centrally.</p> | <p>As per Q3</p>                                                        |
| <p>8. Does your organisation formally monitor or report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• spend with SMEs,</li> <li>• spend with local suppliers,</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>No, the ICB does not monitor and report on spend in this manner.</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• spend with VCSEs,</li> <li>• spend with diverse-owned businesses,</li> <li>• or other responsible procurement outcomes?</li> </ul> <p>If yes, please provide details of:</p> <p>a) which metrics are reported;</p> <p>b) how frequently reporting occurs;</p> <p>c) whether reporting is internal, public-facing, or both.</p>                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>9. Does your organisation use any formal framework or methodology to assess or measure supplier social value, responsible procurement, or community benefit outcomes?</p> <p>Examples may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOMs,</li> <li>• Procurement Act reporting,</li> <li>• bespoke social value frameworks,</li> <li>• carbon accounting methodologies,</li> <li>• or other structured approaches.</li> </ul> | <p>As per Q3</p>                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>10. Please identify any systems, platforms, or external tools currently used to manage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. procurement analytics,</li> <li>ii. supplier due diligence,</li> <li>iii. supplier monitoring,</li> <li>iv. social value reporting,</li> <li>v. contract management,</li> <li>vi. or responsible procurement activity.</li> </ul>                                                                   | <p>i) and v) We utilise Atamis for our contract register and for procurement procedures.</p> <p>For other points – we do not use any particular system, platform or external tool.</p> |

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| <p>11. Following implementation of the Procurement Act 2023, has your organisation made any changes to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. supplier monitoring,</li> <li>ii. social value measurement,</li> <li>iii. supplier due diligence,</li> <li>iv. reporting processes,</li> <li>v. or responsible procurement practices?</li> <li>vi. If yes, please provide brief details.</li> </ul> | <p>The ICB updated its policies and standard operating procedures to reflect the requirements of the PA 2023.</p> <p>We do not hold any further information in a centralised manner, in order to have the information to respond to this question.</p> <p>The ICB uses the South Central and West Commissioning Support Unit for the procurements undertaken. For further information please contact the CSU - <a href="mailto:contact@scwcsu.nhs.uk">contact@scwcsu.nhs.uk</a></p> |
| <p>12. Please confirm whether the information above is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fully centrally reportable,</li> <li>• partially reportable,</li> <li>• held across multiple systems,</li> <li>• or not currently reportable in a structured format.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                      | <p>Not currently reportable in a structured format as we do not centrally hold the information requested.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

***The information provided in this response is accurate as of 2 June 2026 and has been approved for release by Helena Fuller, Deputy Director of Business, Strategy and Planning for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.***