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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received by the Corporate Affairs Team on the 18th August 2016.

You Asked for:

The Social Value Act requires commissioners to think about securing extra benefits for their area when they are buying services above the OJEU threshold. Before they start procurement, commissioners should think about how the services they are going to buy, or the procurement process they are going to use to buy them, could secure the most valuable benefits for their area.

We are keen to learn more about how widespread and how embedded social value is in the work of local government across England. We believe it likely that there is a great deal of hitherto largely unrecognized good work going on, and are keen to highlight and share best practice.

To this end I submit the following requests for information on behalf of National Voices under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

- 1. A copy of, or link to, the CCG's social value policy, strategy, framework or similar document if there is one.**

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does not have a social value document/policy.

- 2. How has the CCG applied the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 in its commissioning, tendering and grant making?**

As social value applies to additional benefit to the community, an example would be Better Care Fund 16/17 which has focused on improved access to community services through commissioning the development of a single gateway for all referrals.

3. Has the CCG applied the concept of social value below the OJEU threshold for services, or for contracts other than for services?

NHS Wirral CCG has not undertaken a process below the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) threshold in the last 12 months

4. The percentage and number of tenders over the past 12 months where the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 has been applied and social value considered (that is to say, how much use does the CCG make of the Act).

In the last 12 months, NHS Wirral CCG has conducted one procurement over the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) threshold where the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 has been applied and social value considered. A social value section is applied as standard within NHS Wirral CCG ITT (invitation to tender) documentation.

5. Where social value has been considered and is weighted in assessing tenders, what is the typical weighting for social value in the CCG's scoring across those contracts?

Social value is weighted within assessment tenders. Weighting is determined based on the individual procurement

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