



# Freedom of Information request & West Norfolk CCG response

## WN-2016-00104 – Social Value

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

*The information requested is not held by the CCG.*

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

*NHS West Norfolk CCG contract with NEL Commissioning Support Unit (NEL CSU) to undertake its procurement activities - the activities undertaken as part of the procurement process include aspects of social value assessment via the following mechanisms:*

- *Competitive Tender Specifications*
- *Questions and weighted scoring*
- *Workshop and presentations*

*These mechanisms enable the CCG to check the intentions of prospective providers in relation to provision of additional and enhanced social value over and above the core outcomes established within the tender specification and within the financial affordability established for the specific procurement.*

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

*NHS West Norfolk CCG retains a full options appraisal and business case process and methodology for the procurement of services below the OJEU thresholds and these include gauging the extent to which additional and enhanced social value is achieved via the various proposed options. No formal Social Value Accounting is undertaken to quantify exact Social Value, however clinical evidence and contracting experience is used to validate any assumptions or proposals made on the basis of potential social value being achievable.*

- 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).**

*NHS West Norfolk CCG do not usually make explicit use of the Social Value Act in its procurements. In the past twelve months the CCG are not aware of any procurement that has referred explicitly to the Social Value Act, or put any weighting to outcomes under the Act.*

- 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?**

*Please see the responses to questions 2, 3 and 4 above.*