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Information requested:

I am seeking some data and information regarding annual fair trade purchasing within NHS State Hospitals Board for Scotland. In line with follow-up activities recommended by the Scottish Government's independently-commissioned review into the sales and promotion of Fair Trade goods in Scotland, I am compiling information on fair trade purchasing within public bodies, institutions and organisations throughout Scotland.

Could you please provide data on NHS State Hospitals Board for Scotland's total annual spend on fair trade goods throughout each of the past two annual accounts? (i.e. data from both 2020-2021 and 2021-2022). Could you break it down by vendor name; whether they were contracted/non-contracted; description of item(s) purchased; and the total value per order? I've attached an example below for further clarification. Could you also include items purchased for resale?

I am aware that, given potential limitations, you may only be able to capture spend where purchasers have specifically used such terms as "fair" and "trade", "fairtrade" or "fairly" and "traded" in their requisitions, and so items where buyers have used catalogue item numbers will not be reflected in the data. I will be sure to state these issues in my research report.

As a final request, could you also attach your current general policy on the procurement of fairly and ethically traded goods and services, in line with section 15(5)(b)(v) of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014?

Response:

The State Hospital did not purchase any Fair Trade products during that period requested.

Our Procurement Policy for Tendering and Contracting is exempt from disclosure under FOISA section 25(1) as it is otherwise accessible. A copy is available on our website (<https://www.tsh.scot.nhs.uk/Policies/Docs/QP26%20-%20Procurement%20Policy%20for%20Tendering%20and%20Contracting%20-%20Mar%202022.pdf>)