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Information requested:

Can you kindly provide data on NHS State Hospitals Board for Scotland's total annual spend on fair trade goods across the April 2022 – March 2023 financial year? See example response format attached below.

Please include a breakdown of:

- Vendor name
- Whether they were contracted/non-contracted
- A description of item(s) purchased
- The total value per order
- Items purchased for resale (if applicable)

Please also provide your 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.

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. These considerations will be acknowledged in the report.

Response:

The State Hospital does not record purchases of Fair Trade products, at the moment. We give notice under Section 17 of FOISA that we do not hold the information requested.

Our general procurement policy is available from our website and is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 25(1) of FOISA.

<https://www.tsh.scot.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/QP26-Procurement-Policy-for-Tendering-and-Contracting-Jan-23.pdf>