



England

NHS Sustainable Procurement Modern Slavery Focus

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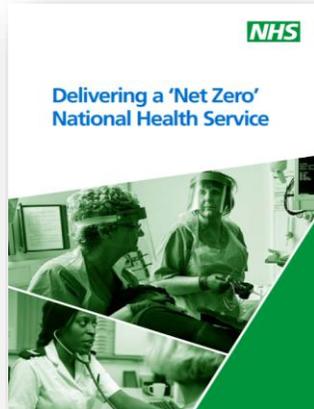
Background: Strategic Objectives

With the publication of 'Delivering a 'Net Zero' National Health Service', the NHS affirmed the need to act on climate change and committed to ambitious reduction targets. The NHS is also committed to transparency across the supply chain to eliminate Modern Slavery and reduce healthcare inequalities in-line with the Social Value Model.



Net Zero

In October 2020, the Greener NHS published the NHS's Net Zero climate targets and ambition.



Direct emissions: net zero by 2040
Indirect (carbon footprint plus): net zero by 2045



Social Value

From 1 April 2022, the NHS adopted the Social Value Model and includes a 10% minimum weighting for net zero and social value in all procurements.

Policy paper
Procurement Policy Note 06/20 – taking account of social value in the award of central government contracts

This note sets out how to take account of social value in the award of central government contracts by using the Social Value Model.



Modern Slavery

The Health & Care Act has strengthened NHS obligations to eradicate Modern Slavery. No supply chains or country is immune, and targeted action is needed.

TACKLING MODERN SLAVERY IN GOVERNMENT SUPPLY CHAINS

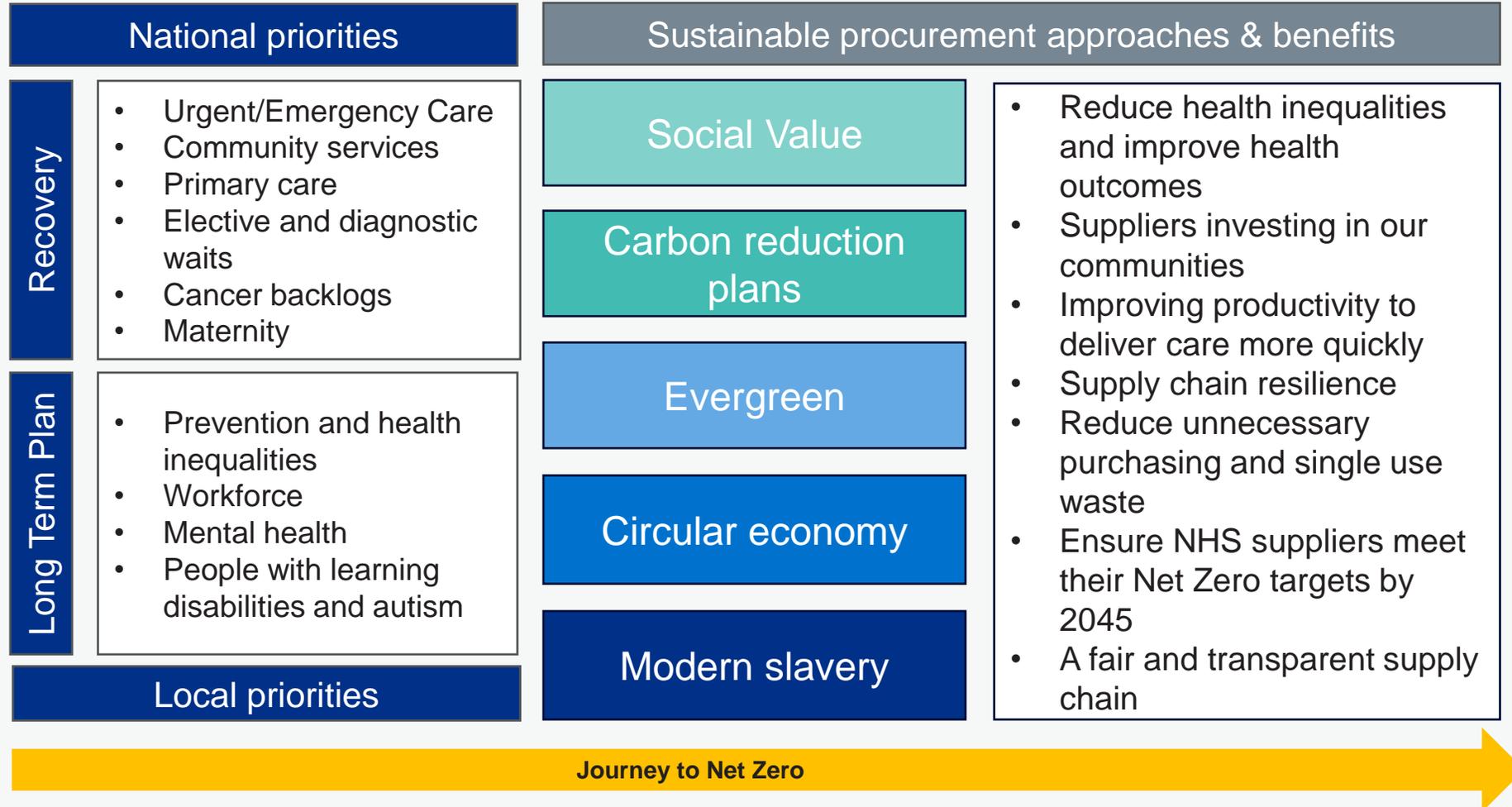


The NHS Net Zero Supplier Roadmap



The Net Zero Roadmap crosscuts NHS priorities

Procurement, commercial and supply chain teams, as well as our suppliers, are integral to the running of the health service, ensuring frontline staff have what they need, in the right place, at the right time, and at the right cost.



Building the Foundations for Change

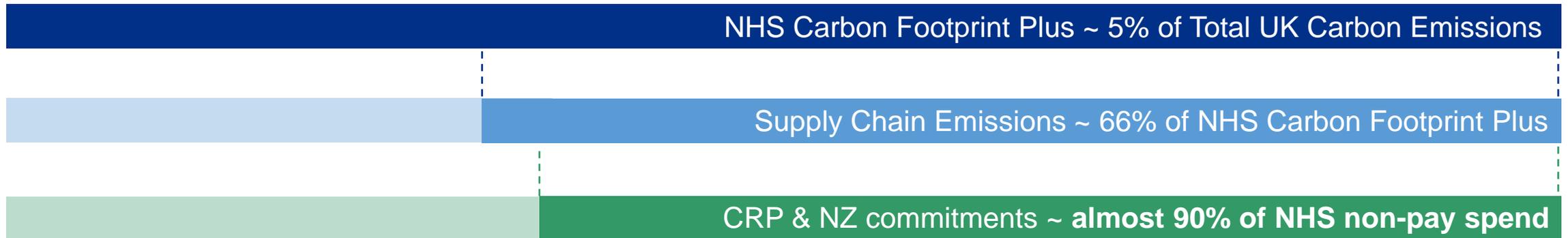
Carbon reduction plan and net zero commitment requirements from April 2024 will deliver system-level change



A foundational step to move our supply chain towards the 2027 roadmap milestone.



Raising the Supply Chain Baseline - Ensuring the majority of our spend and suppliers are committed to achieving net zero carbon.





Modern Slavery update



Addressing modern slavery through NHS procurement

Health and Care Act 2022 – NHS requirements

Policy paper

Review of risk of modern slavery and human trafficking in the NHS supply chain

Updated 18 December 2023

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. ****

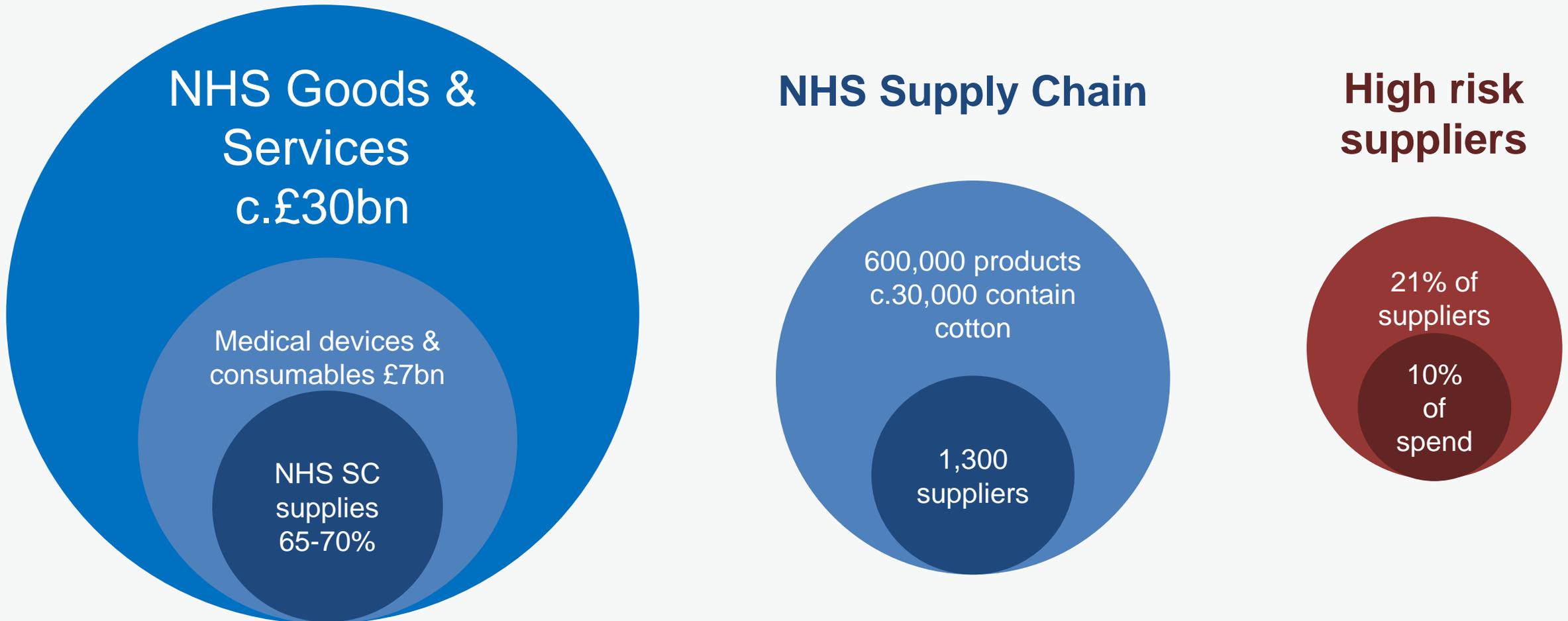
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The National Health Service (Procurement, Slavery and Human Trafficking) Regulations 2025



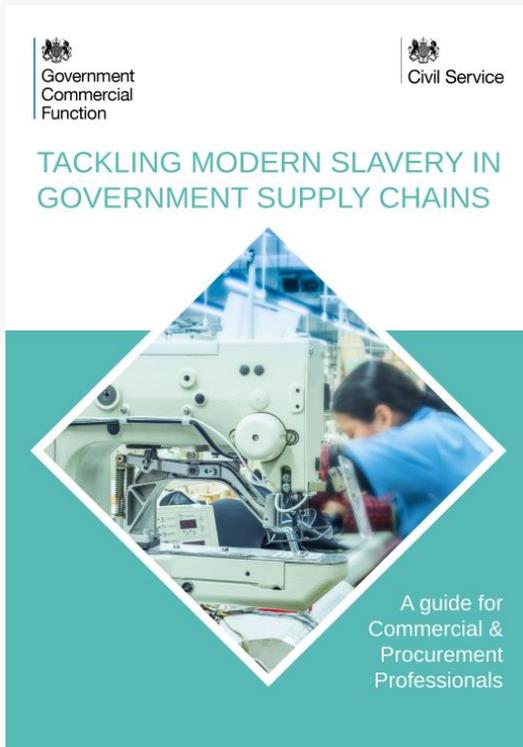
Modern Slavery risk in the NHS supply chain

NHS Supply Chain focus including consumable and cotton-based products, as prioritised in the H&C Act (published 14 December 2023).



NHS modern slavery approach aligned to wider-government

Procurement Policy Note (PPN) 02/23 “Tackling modern slavery in government supply chains” provides the basis for new regulations and NHS guidance – shortly open for consultation



Assess risk of modern slavery for **existing contracts and during pre-procurement stage**



Procurement approach informed by risk levels, using SQ declarations, the Social Value Model, KPIs and contract terms



Working in partnership with suppliers to improve transparency and mitigate risks



Upskilling staff to raise awareness and apply the process to drive risk mitigation. (e.g. Government Commercial College training)

Modern Slavery Guidance Overview

Principles of the NHS approach in England



Consistent alignment with the principles of *PPN 02/23: Tackling Modern Slavery in Government Supply Chains*.



Standardised modern slavery risk assessment tool to assess the level of risk in all NHS procurements before the procurement process begins.



Standardised supplier ask on supply chain due diligence throughout the procurement cycle.



Supports a collaborative process to manage potential cases of modern slavery.

New regulations: public consultation

The Department for Health and Social Care is working with NHS England on the drafting of new regulations and supporting NHS Guidance

The public consultation will be launched on the [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) website

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Seeking views on:

1. the contents of the regulations and statutory guidance
2. the implementation of risk assessment approaches
3. the reasonable steps proposed
4. the impact of implementing the regulations for all in-scope organisations

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