

Our Ref: 011/22

As of 1 October 2012, Edinburgh's Telford College, Jewel & Esk College and Stevenson College merged to create a single college called Edinburgh College.

We refer to your request for information dated 22 June 2022. The College has considered your request as a request for information under section 1 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 ("FOISA").

011/22 (1): Could you please provide data on Edinburgh College'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? Could you also include items purchased for resale?

There are no transactions that note "Fair Trade/Fairtrade" or "Fairly Traded".

Please note, when directly tendering the College promotes - where appropriate - the inclusion of Ethical Trading Initiatives (including products such as applicable food types, beverages, timber supplies and furniture).

The College uses National and other framework providers such as APUC, The Scottish Government, TUCO, CCS plus others in the HE/FE sector who emphasise and specify sustainability (covering such initiatives such as Fair Trade, Rainforest Alliance, FLEGT-licensed, FSC, PEFC etc.)

011/22 (2): 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?

This information is publicly available in the College's Annual Procurement Report:
<http://doc.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/procurement/annual%20procurement%20report.pdf>

Edinburgh College is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act (FOISA) 2002. If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may ask the college to review this decision. To do this, please contact the Director of Communications, Policy and Research at the postal address below or e-mail the Director of Communications, Policy and Research at governance@edinburghcollege.ac.uk describing your original request and explaining your grounds for dissatisfaction. (Please include in your review request, your name and address (email or postal) for correspondence).

You have 40 working days from receipt of this letter to submit a review request to:

Director of Communications, Policy and Research
4th Floor
Edinburgh College (Milton Road Campus)
24 Milton Road East
Edinburgh
EH15 2PP

When the review process has been completed and if you are still dissatisfied, you may ask the Scottish Information Commissioner to intervene.

You can make an appeal to the Commissioner by email or post.

To appeal by email, send your application form or email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

To appeal by post, send your application form or letter to:

Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
KY16 9DS

Full details on how to make an appeal to the Commissioner are available from their website:
www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

You must appeal to the Commissioner within six months of receiving the review decision.

You also have the right to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law following a decision of the Commissioner.

Regards

FOI Team