## **Shield of Honour 2024 Question Set and Marking Scheme**

## **Background**

This marking scheme relates to the written application component of the 2024 Shield of Honour scheme. The final marks for each submission will be determined by reference to applicants' performance in the written application only. The results of the Five Star Audit process will not be considered other than as a right of entry to the awards.

Please note that the marking descriptors are indicative by nature. For example, two organisations may adopt differing approaches to the written application and score equally well. Nonetheless, high-scoring organisation will typically answer all aspects of the question, clearly following the marking scheme, provide site-specific references (evidenced and referenced through the audit report) and fully utilise, but not exceed the specified word allowance per response.

## Scoring criteria

- A maximum of 60 marks are available for the written application. Applicants must score a minimum of 45 marks to remain eligible for the award.
- A minimum of two individual responses must be scored within the top mark band (11-15 marks).
- Submissions will become ineligible for the Shield of Honour award should any individual responses be scored within the lower mark band (0-5 marks).
- Responses to each sub-question must not exceed 750 words per sub-question (i.e. 3,000 words overall per submission).

	11-15 marks	6-10 marks	0-5 marks
1. With relevant reference to the	A full description of how	An adequate description of how	A basic description of how
outcome from your recent Five Star Audit:	organisational performance is	organisational performance is	organisational performance is
	aligned with employee wellbeing.	aligned with employee wellbeing.	aligned with employee wellbeing.
Outline how you align organisational performance with employee wellbeing.	The response is supported with clear examples of when and how this done.	The response is supported with an example of when this is done.	The response is supported with an example of when or how this is done.
	All examples are clearly related to the outcomes of the recent Five Start Wellbeing Audit.	All or most example are related to the outcomes of the recent Five Star Wellbeing Audit.	Few or no examples are related to the outcomes of the recent Five Star Wellbeing Audit.
2. With relevant reference to the outcomes from your recent Five Star Wellbeing Audit:	A full description of the role and impact your senior leadership play in employee wellbeing.	An adequate description of the role and impact your senior leadership play in employee wellbeing.	A basic description of the role and impact your senior leadership play in employee wellbeing.
Describe both the role and impact your senior leadership play in employee wellbeing.	The response contains a wide range of relevant examples and all examples provided within the response are clearly related to relevant outcomes of the audit.	The response contains relevant examples with all, or most, examples provided within the response being related to relevant outcomes of the audit.	The response contains a limited range of relevant examples. The examples provided within the response are weak, or not at all, related to relevant outcomes of the audit.
	All examples are clearly related to the outcomes of the recent Five Star Wellbeing Audit.	All or most examples are related to the outcomes of the recent Five Star Wellbeing Audit.	Few or no examples are related to the outcomes of the recent Five Star Wellbeing Audit.
3. With relevant reference to the	A full explanation clearly explaining	An adequate explanation explaining	A basic explanation of the measures
outcomes from your recent	the measures you adopt to identify	the measures you adopt to identify	you adopt to identify exposures to
Five Star Wellbeing Audit:	exposures to psychosocial risks in your organisation and the	exposures to psychosocial risks in your organisation and the	psychosocial risks in your organisation and the approaches in
Describe what measures you adopt to identify exposures to	approaches in place to mitigate these.	approaches in place to mitigate these.	place to mitigate these.

	psychosocial risks in your organisation, and what approaches are in place to mitigate these.	The response contains a wide range of relevant examples of when and how this will be done.  All examples are clearly related to the outcomes of the recent Five Start Wellbeing Audit.	The response contains a range of relevant examples of when and how this will be done.  All or most examples are related to the outcomes of the recent Five Star Wellbeing Audit.	Limited relevant examples of when and how this will be done.  Few or no examples are related to the outcomes of the recent Five Star Wellbeing Audit.
	With relevant reference to the outcomes from your recent Five Star Wellbeing Audit:	A full description of how relevant recommendations, based on the most significant outcomes from your	An adequate description of how relevant recommendations, based on the most significant outcomes	A basic description of how relevant recommendations, based on the most significant outcomes from you
	Identify the most significant Five Star Audit outcomes and explain how relevant recommendations will be used in ensuring continual	recent Wellbeing Five Start Audit, will be used in ensuring continual improvement of your health and wellbeing performance.	from your recent Wellbeing Five Start Audit, will be used in ensuring continual improvement of your health and wellbeing performance.	recent Wellbeing Five Start Audit, will be used in ensuring continual improvement of your health and wellbeing performance.
	improvement of your health and wellbeing performance.	The response is supported with clear examples of how recommendations will be used in ensuring continual improvement of your health and wellbeing performance.	The response is supported with an example of how recommendations will be used in ensuring continual improvement of your health and wellbeing performance.	The response is not supported with any clear examples of how recommendations will be used in ensuring continual improvement of your health and wellbeing performance.
		All examples are clearly related to the outcomes of the recent Five Star Wellbeing Audit.	All or most examples are related to the outcomes of the recent Five Star Wellbeing Audit.	Few or no examples are related to the outcomes of the recent Five Sta Wellbeing Audit.