

Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI-08-503

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Sent by email

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Dear

FOI-08-503

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 15th August 2023. We can confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board can provide the following information.

An anonymised copy of this response will be made publicly available on the ICB website.

Please see our responses in blue below:

I am well aware from other FOI requests across the country, that if you are registered with a GP surgery in England and you are referred by a GP to a consultant or specialist in mental health, you have the legal right to choose the organisation (qualified provider) to whom you are referred, as long as that organisation is providing that service in another part of England.

To enable patients to ask for a referral to be made to one of these organisations, they need to know what organisations have been awarded contracts.

My request is therefore to know what contracts have been awarded by your ICB for:

1. ADHD assessments

For both adults and children:

Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust
North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust

2. ADHD treatment

For both adults and children:

Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust
North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust

Both contracts commenced on the 1st July 2023 and have a current end date of the 31st March 2024.

We would also like to point out that Patient Choice rights allows individuals to choose private provision referrals for ADHD Assessments (but not treatments), under current NHS legal rights to choice, and is available to the named companies currently advised on by following this weblink: [Right to Choose - ADHD UK](#)

as i am aware some external organisations diagnose but do not treat ADHD and so it is important to differentiate between providers.

and for these organisations to be separated into those that provide services for 1. Children; 2. Adults.

This request is not seeking any patient numbers referred to the service, nor is it looking for contract values, merely the names the organisation have active ADHD contracts and the therefore the start and projected end date of these contracts.

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.

To request an internal review

You can request an internal review by contacting the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board FOI team by emailing the team at StaffsStokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk or by post to the address at the top of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board's FOI complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

www.ico.gov.uk



**Staffordshire and
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Yours sincerely

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