



Our Ref: PW/TLR/FOI/0924/991

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Sent by email

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Dear

**FOI-0924-991**

**Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your request for information received on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024. 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 writing to request information with regards to the ICS/B's right to choose policy as far as children and adults neurodevelopmental assessments are concerned (ADHD/ASD).**

**Can you confirm the following:**

- **Who is currently responsible for the neurodevelopmental (ND) right to choose process?**

Right to Choose is an NHSE framework - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-nhs-choice-framework/the-nhs-choice-framework-what-choices-are-available-to-me-in-the-nhs>

- **Who is responsible for signing off the invoices in relation to work performed by an accredited right to choose provider?**

In Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent the mental health portfolio within the ICB is responsible for the validation and approval of invoices.

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. This can be done by either writing to the address at the top of this letter or alternatively by email; [StaffsStokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk](mailto:StaffsStokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk).

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](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

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