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Dear

FOI/1125/1521

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Further to your email dated Thursday 27th November 2025 for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We can now confirm that 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. The ICBs response is provided below in **blue** text.

You have requested:

The purpose of this Freedom of Information request is to understand how your organisation has funded post diagnosis support for people living with HIV as part of the BBV Opt-Out testing in Accident & Emergency Departments, and which kind of organisation has provided that support. For context, 10% of funding for this programme is allocated (originally as a recommendation, then as a requirement) to go towards post diagnosis (e.g. Community/peer) support. The post-diagnosis support can also be provided to people who are already patients (even if they are not diagnosed through the programme). We want to find out the data for each year that you have had this funding.

I have been informed by University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust that yourselves at the ICB are responsible for this programme in response to the same FOI request sent to them.

Our specific questions are as follows:

Please provide the information in a table format for each of the years you have received any funding for BBV Opt-out testing from 2020, e.g.

2020	50%
2021	40%

- 1. For each of the years you have received any funding for BBV Opt-Out testing, please specify what proportion of the 10% allocation of overall funding has been spent on post-diagnosis support? Please provide this proportion as a % figure of the 10% funding rather than a numerical figure.**

Full funding allocation from NHS England for community peer support has been allocated to commission community peer support as a form of post diagnosis support. This is in addition to ongoing post-diagnosis support from NHS partners.

2. For each of the years you have received funding for BBV Opt-Out testing, please specify what proportions of the 10% of funding for post-diagnosis support has gone to supporting a) people living with HIV, b) people living with Hepatitis C, c) people living with Hepatitis B, d) any other condition. Please provide this proportion as a % figure of the 10% funding rather than a numerical figure.

The full funding allocation from NHS England has been allocated to supporting people with HIV.

3. For each of the years you have received funding for BBV Opt-Out testing, please tell us which organisation/provider has provided post-diagnosis support under this funding, and what % of the 10% of funding has gone to each type of provider.

The funding allocation for the 2 year period has been awarded to Project 93. The organisation is a HIV voluntary/community organisation in Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent.

4. For each of the years you have received funding for BBV Opt-Out testing, if not all of the 10% of allocated funding has been spent on post-diagnosis support, please confirm how that money has been used.

N/A

5. For each of the years you have received funding for BBV Opt-Out testing, please tell us how many people have accessed post-diagnosis support funded through the programme.

From the start of BBV opt-out testing funding to 18th December 2025, 105 people accessed community HIV peer support:

27 people were newly referred into community HIV peer support from sexual health clinics during the funded period. In addition, 78 existing/longer-term clients received community HIV peer support via regular check-in support calls/messages.

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 ICB FOI team by emailing; staffsstokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk or by post to the address at the top of this letter within 40 working days of the initial response.

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



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decision unless you have exhausted the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board's FOI complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely

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