



**Staffordshire and
Stoke-on-Trent**
Integrated Care Board

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Dear

FOI-0524-828

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 9th May 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 emailing under the Freedom of Information Act to request information regarding funding schemes for cancer-patients' treatments and monitoring.

Question 1:

a. Does your trust provide funding for point-of-care home blood monitoring devices for people with cancer who are receiving systemic anticancer therapy? (Y/N) *For added context, examples of such devices include Xprecia (by Universal Biosensors) & Liberty (by Entia), and they offer full white blood counts to assess side effects caused because of cancer treatment.*

i. If yes, how is it funded? (*please elaborate*)

The integrated Care Board (ICB) does not deliver any direct service provision to patients, we fund organisations to provide care, therefore we do not hold this information. The patients of Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent that need cancer care are mainly supported by the following Trusts and the information being requested will need to be requested from them.

The Acute Trusts in the region of the ICB are as below:

University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust

<https://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/contact-us/>

Chair: David Pearson MBE

Chief Executive Officer: Peter Axon

University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Trust
<https://www.uhdb.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information-foi/>

Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust
<https://www.royalwolverhampton.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/>

b. If not, is it because the pharmaceutical company already funds it? (Y/N)
(please elaborate)

ii. If yes, out of which budget does it come out from? *(please elaborate)*

The ICB does not hold this information, it will need to be requested from the Provider Trusts stated in response "a".

c. Furthermore, if these funding schemes do not currently exist at your trust and are not funded by pharmaceutical companies, are there plans to fund such initiatives in the future? (Y/N)?

iii. If yes, please give some examples of some of the funding initiatives. *Examples of some of these funding pots include but are not limited to, the virtual wards fund, the digital fund, and the Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF)? (Please provide a detailed answer)*

The ICB does not directly input into the clinical decisions re what systemic anticancer therapy, this information will need to be requested from the Provider Trusts stated in response "a".

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
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www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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