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**Sent by email**

Dear Sir/Madam

**FOI/0725/1357**

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

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025. We can now 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 note the ICBs responses in blue.

**1. Is there a time/number of procedure limit for reconstructive breast procedures following breast cancer (including revision procedures) in your CCG?**

See page 16, 17 & 18 of the Excluded and Restricted Procedures Policy.  
<https://staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk/your-nhs-integrated-care-board/our-publications/governance-handbook/all-policies/commissioning/icb-excluded-and-restricted-procedures-policy-v3-1/?layout=file> for criteria.

**2. Is there availability/funding for breast surgery on the contralateral breast (the breast without breast cancer) for means of providing symmetry to any planned reconstructive procedure of the breast with breast cancer? If so, is there a time/number of procedure limit for this type of surgery?**

See page 16, 17 & 18 of the Excluded and Restricted Procedures Policy.  
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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](mailto: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 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 faithfully

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