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Dear

FOI-0325/1232

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on 20th March 2025. 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 note the ICBs responses in blue.

- 1. *What is the current backlog of Decision Support Tool (DST) reviews to be completed by NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB? -***
14 in the backlog, 65 new DSTS to complete.
- 2. *Who is responsible for DST and CHC completion? -***
Staffordshire PHC Nurse Assessors.
- 3. *In the last 5 years, has NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB commissioned an external provider to complete complex CHC care funding assessments? -***
Yes.
- 4. *What external providers have been used? -***
Woodrow Mercer.
- 5. *What roles are required from an external provider to complete the complex CHC assessments? –***
The completion of Change in Need DSTS.
- 6. *Where do you advertise contracts for external providers? -***
We contact the agencies direct.

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 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
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Yours sincerely

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