

Our Ref: PW/TLR/FOI/0124/662

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Sent by email

Dear

FOI/0124/662

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request dated the Tuesday 2nd January 2024. Please see our response to your request below.

You have requested information on:

Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like to make a formal request for the following information:

Please may I submit an Fol request reference the legal support your ICB uses. I would like an answer to the below three questions:

- ***Do you have an in-house legal team that supports your continuing health care, s117 aftercare, responsible commissioner and transforming care teams?***
The ICB does not have an in-house legal team.
- ***If yes how long has this been in place?***
Not applicable
- ***If yes do you still use external legal support and if so how often?***
The ICB does not have an in-house legal team that supports continuing health care, responsible commissioner or transforming care teams. Legal input is commissioned externally on an individual case by case basis.

Right of Appeal

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

Chair: David Pearson MBE

Chief Executive Officer: Peter Axon

You can request an internal review by contacting the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board FOI team setting out your reasons for a review, 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
SK9 5AF

www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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