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Dear

**FOI-11-646**

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

Thank you for your request for information received on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023. 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:

**Would you be so kind as to provide me with some information with regards to your contracts.**

**1. How is live in care commissioned? Does it go through a framework agreement? Is it spot purchased?**

Mixture of DPS and spot purchase. We have a dynamic purchasing tool (Adam) in place for care at home and some live in care requests are sourced via this tool. Any more specialist requirements are sourced via spot purchase.

**2. If it is only via a framework contractual arrangement when does that next open? Or does it remain open to new applicants?**

The DPS remains open to new applicants at all times, so there is no limit / closing dates.

**3. How do you select providers?**

Providers are chosen based on quality, cost and ability to meet care requirements.

**4. Is there a set weekly rate?**

No.

**5. Is it mandated that we have a local branch?**

It is not a mandatory requirement, however, in the absence of a local branch, assurance of local clinical oversight is required.

**6. Is it possible to give me an idea of how many packages of Live in Care you would typically commission?**

Unfortunately we do not record live-in care as a separate category, therefore we are unable to provide this information.

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](mailto: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

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

Yours sincerely

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