



Our Ref: PW/TLR/FOI/0724/901

24<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Stafford Education & Enterprise Park  
Weston Road  
Stafford  
ST18 0BF

Sent by email

Telephone: 0300 123 1461

Dear Sir/Madam

**FOI-0724-901**

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

Thank you for your request for information received on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 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:

- 1. Who is responsible for managing CHC services within your ICB? Please provide the job title/role of the officer(s) responsible, their name, and appropriate contact details.**

The ICB commissions the Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit to deliver a CHC service on its behalf. The Executive Director with responsibility for CHC within the ICB is the Chief Nursing and Therapies Officer.

- 2. Who is responsible for undertaking CHC assessments for your ICB? Please provide the job title/role of the officer(s) responsible, their name, and appropriate contact details. If this function is outsourced, please confirm the name of the subcontractor(s).**

The CHC service is currently provided by NHS Midlands and Lancashire CSU (MLCSU). CHC Assessments are undertaken by the team within MLCSU with a small number of exceptions for out of area referrals - [mlcsu.initial.referral@nhs.net](mailto:mlcsu.initial.referral@nhs.net)

- 3. Who is responsible for determining the eligibility for CHC services for your ICB? Please provide the job title/role of the officer(s) responsible, their name, and appropriate contact details. If this function is outsourced, please confirm the name of the subcontractor(s).**

There is an established daily CHC eligibility assurance process meeting coordinated by the MLCSU and chaired by the Director of Nursing All Age Continuing Care to ensure CHC eligibility decision making in line with the ICBs statutory duties.

- 4. How many people does the ICB currently fund CHC for?**

There is currently 988 people in receipt of CHC funding.

4a. For the above, please provide a breakdown by age category, i.e. adult or child.

Over 18	415
Over 65	573

5. In the past 12 months, or the closest reporting period, what was the total expenditure on CHC? – see response to 5b

5a. For the above, please provide a breakdown of this expenditure for each category/condition, e.g. palliative care, physical disability, learning disability – see response to 5b

5b. For the above, please provide a breakdown of this expenditure by age category, i.e. adult or child.

The total spend for CHC packages in 2023/24 is as follows:

<b>Service Group</b>	<b>Total 23/24</b>
Physical Disabilities Total	66,773,955.09
Mental Health Total	73,000,762.51
Learning Disabilities Total	40,536,962.20
Fast Track / Palliative	21,423,340.95
Children	7,843,096.21
<b>Total CHC Spend</b>	<b>209,578,116.96</b>

This includes CHC Adults, Joint Funded Adults, Fast Track and Children.

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.

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.



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

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 sincerely

**Paul Winter**  
**Associate Director of Corporate Governance**