

Our Ref: PW/KJJ/FOI/0925/1426

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Sent by email

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Dear

**FOI/0925/1426**

**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 15 September 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.

Please find below a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. We would be grateful if you could provide responses to the following questions in relation to children and young people aged 0-17 inclusive.

1. Please confirm the number of children and young people in receipt of children's Continuing Care funding:
  - During the financial year 2024/25 - 59
  - As of 31st August 2025 - 54
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2. Does your ICB provide funding for packages of homecare support or residential care for children with complex health needs who do not meet the threshold for Continuing Care? If yes, please provide brief details.  
Yes, the ICB jointly contributes to packages of care for some children with health needs who are in the care of the local authority and S117 packages.
3. If yes to question 2, please confirm the number of children and young people in receipt of this funding as of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025.  
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4. For the children and young people identified in questions 1 and 2, please confirm how many were jointly funded with a Local Authority as of 31st August 2025.  
31(Local Authority contribution is variable with as little as 1 hour per week)
5. In relation to jointly funded (ICB and Local Authority) packages of homecare support for individual children/young people, does the ICB contribution include overnight short breaks outside of the family home, either in Local Authority in-house provision or via other specialist commissioned providers? Not currently (within the timeframe given)
6. If yes to question 5, please confirm the number of children and young people who were in receipt of this funding as of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025. N/A

7. If yes to question 5, please provide the annual financial contribution:
  - During the financial year 2024/25. [N/A](#)
  - As of 31st August 2025.
  
8. Does your ICB provide funding to a local authority (authorities) for any short break arrangements that are not individual child-specific packages? An example would be contribution to a local authority in-house or commissioned short-break respite home(s). Please provide the annual financial contribution and/or percentage of the total arrangement. [No, not through Children and Young Peoples Continuing Care.](#)
  
9. Please provide a copy of any joint funding protocols/principles your ICB has with Local Authorities in relation to children with complex health needs. [None at present, currently being developed.](#)

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 sincerely

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