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Dear

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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 21st July 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.

Under section 3 (1) of the NHS Act 2006, ICBs have a duty to commission nursing services, which includes the clinical nursing services that children and young people may require in their educational settings.

These clinical services are separate and distinct from the local authorities' public health school nursing offer. Therefore, I would be grateful if you could answer the following:

1. Does the ICB commission a clinical school nursing service(s) that covers universal, targeted and specialist clinical nursing care for its population of children and young people in their state-funded educational setting? Please respond separately for:
 - a) mainstream schools – [No. Support is provided via the 0-19yrs Local Authority commissioned service however, where clinical nursing care is required, this will be provided via the Children's Community Nursing Team.](#)
 - b) special schools - [Yes](#)
 - c) alternative provision – [No, where clinical nursing care is required, this will be provided via the Children's Community Nursing Team.](#)

2. If yes to any or all of Q1 a-c,
 - a) Does the ICB-commissioned nursing service deliver all clinical nursing procedures in the educational setting, such as administering prescription medicines (inc. controlled drugs) and undertaking nursing procedures such as enteral feeding, suctioning and intermittent catheterisation? (For information, see [Nursing and Midwifery Council - Standards of proficiency for registered nurses](#), Annexe B Nursing Procedures pg. 36 - 44.) – [Specific tasks are delivered via the clinical nursing service however certain elements of care are delegated to appropriately trained individuals.](#)

 - b) If no to 2a), what clinical nursing care is excluded from the ICB-commissioned nursing service(s)? [The ICB is not able to confirm which elements of clinical care are delegated; this information is held by the Provider \(Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust \(MPFT\)\). Please redirect to Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust: \[foi@mpft.nhs.uk\]\(mailto:foi@mpft.nhs.uk\)](#)

3. If no to any or all Q1 a-c, what is the ICB's commissioning arrangement to ensure that children and young people have access to the clinical nursing support they need in their educational setting? Please respond separately for:
 - a) mainstream schools – Clinical nursing support to mainstream schools is provided via the Children's Community Nursing Team via MPFT. Please redirect to: Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust: foi@mpft.nhs.uk
 - b) special schools – n/a
 - c) alternative provision - Clinical nursing support to alternative provision is provided via the Children's Community Nursing Team via MPFT. Please redirect to: Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust: foi@mpft.nhs.uk

4. What systems and processes are in place to ensure that the ICB commissions clinical nursing services that reflect and respond to the changing needs of the children and young people in educational settings in your area? Please respond separately for:
 - a) Mainstream schools -Through the Children's Community Nursing Team service the ICB has mechanisms in place to assure that the needs of the CYPs are understood through KPI reporting, contractual oversight, quality assurance and incident reporting.
 - b) Special schools - The ICB has mechanisms in place to assure that the needs of the CYPs are understood through KPI reporting, contractual oversight, quality assurance and incident reporting.
 - c) Alternative provision - Through the Children's Community Nursing Team service the ICB has mechanisms in place to assure that the needs of the CYPs are understood through KPI reporting, contractual oversight, quality assurance and incident reporting.

5. Where the ICB does **NOT** commission a provider to deliver clinical nursing care (Q2b/Q3) and other local arrangements have been made, what systems and processes are in place to assure the quality, i.e. safety and effectiveness of the alternative arrangements? e.g. contractual KPIs, performance management systems and incident management processes. Please respond separately for:
 - a) mainstream schools – The ICB does not differentiate between educational settings, the support provided across all settings is considered as part of the contract management of the service provision whether that be via the Special School Nursing service or the Children's Community Nursing Team. Robust contract management systems are in place with monthly reporting and quality assurances processes well established.
 - b) special schools – as per above
 - c) alternative provision – as per above

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 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:

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Yours sincerely

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