

Our Ref: PW/TLR/FOI/0825/1382

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Dear

FOI/0825/1382

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 Monday 4th August 2025. Firstly, we apologise for the delay in providing our response. 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.

You requested:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (or relevant legislation in devolved nations), please provide the following information regarding services commissioned or provided by your organisation in relation to peripheral neuropathic pain (PNP), specifically:

- Post-surgical neuropathic pain (PSNP)***
- Cancer-related neuropathic pain (CRNP)***
- Painful diabetic peripheral neuropathy (PDPN)***

Please break down information by individual service, clinic, and by hospital site.

1. Commissioned/Provided Services

Does your organisation commission or directly provide services specifically for PNP, PSNP, CRNP and PDPN?

- If yes, list the providers (with address) and indicate whether they run standalone neuropathic pain services or integrated programs (e.g., neurology, chronic pain, cancer care).

2. Referral Pathways & Service Specifications

Are there established care pathways, referral criteria, or service specifications for these conditions?

- If yes, please supply copies or summaries.***
- If not, clarify whether neuropathic pain falls under broader chronic pain, MSK, diabetes, or oncology pathways.***

3. Funding & Budgets

-What was the total expenditure on neuropathic pain services in the most recent full financial year?

- If no specific figure is available, please provide overall pain management funding and any known distribution (e.g., primary/community vs secondary care).***
- Please indicate the type of funding, e.g. tariff or block contract***

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4. Planned or Recent Changes

- Are there current or planned changes to service commissioning/provision, structure, referral pathways, or funding for PNP, PSNP, CRNP or PDPN?
- For example: new service models, decommissioning, integrated pathways, or nationally/locally led initiatives
- If yes, please describe and include implementation timelines.

5. Format & Process

- Please provide all data in a machine-readable format (e.g., CSV or Excel).
- If any part of the request is unclear or may exceed appropriate cost/time limits, please contact me to discuss refinement, in accordance with Section 16 of the FOI Act.

Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent (SSOT) ICB do not commission a stand-alone service for peripheral neuropathic. Patients requiring referral would be seen by the following specialities:

- Diabetology
- Neurology
- Chronic Pain, or
- Oncology

The majority of SSOT patients are seen by the following Providers, for specific information regarding Post-surgical neuropathic pain, Cancer-related neuropathic pain, and Painful diabetic peripheral neuropathy this would need to be requested from them. Therefore, you will need to submit your request to:

- University Hospitals of North Midlands (UHNM); foi@uhnms.nhs.uk
- University Hospitals of Derby and Burton (UHDB); uhdb.foi@nhs.net
- Royal Wolverhampton Trust (RWT); rwh-tr.foi@nhs.net
- Midlands Partnership University Foundation Trust (MPFT); foi@mpft.nhs.uk

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:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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