

Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI-10-144

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Sent by email

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Dear

**FOI-10-144**

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

Thank you for your request dated the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022. We can confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board does hold part of the information that you have requested. Please see our responses in blue below

**I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent on behalf of Action for M.E.**

**Please can you provide me with the following information:**

- 1. Has Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent implemented the *NICE guidelines [NG206] on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome: diagnosis and management*, which were published on 29 October 2021?**

**If the NICE guidelines [NG206] on the diagnosis and management of ME/CFS have not been implemented, what is the intended timetable and deadline for implementation?**

The Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board has not formally implemented the NICE guidance NG206 and currently there is no plan nor timetable for doing so.

- 2. How many patients with a diagnosis of ME/CFS are receiving care from Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent as of the date of this FOI request?**
- 3. Of those receiving care for ME/CFS from Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, how many have a personalised care and support plan in place as of the date of this FOI request?**
- 4. What training has been provided by Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent for healthcare professionals on the implementation of the *NICE guidelines [NG206] on diagnosis and management of ME/CFS since 29 October 2021?***

**5. What written information is being provided to health professionals and patients on websites in line with the recommendations on diagnosis and management in the NICE guidelines [NG206].**

Response for questions 2-5 as follows:

Please be advised that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board does not hold this information. Your request should be sent to Midlands Partnership Foundation NHS Trust who the ICB commissions a specific service for CFS from. Contact details as follows:

Freedom of Information Requests:

[foi@mpft.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@mpft.nhs.uk)

**Right of Appeal**

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  
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Cheshire SK9 5AF  
[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

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