

Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI-07-061

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15<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Sent by email

Telephone: 0300 123 1461

Dear

**FOI FOI-07-061:  
Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your request dated the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022. We can confirm that Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board do hold the information that you have requested. Please see our responses in blue below / attached:

**I would like to submit a Freedom of Information request for the following interest:**

**Papill(o)edema refers to swelling of the optic nerves at the back of both eyes caused by raised intracranial pressure. Sometimes this is described as blurred disc margins, raised disc margins, indistinct disc margins, or optic disc swelling. Some patients may have no symptoms, some have visual symptoms and others have headaches. Additionally, patients with headaches are often screened for signs of raised intracranial pressure, such as papilloedema.**

**We would like to find out how adults and children with papilloedema or headaches are handled in the community, and which secondary care services they may be referred to.**

- 1. Where do community referrals of adults and children with papilloedema to secondary care come from?**
- 2. If there are established referral pathways or guidelines for papilloedema could you please provide a copy, or the directions for accessing them online if available?**
- 3. Could you please provide the name(s) of the secondary care provision(s) that accept referrals of adults and children with papilloedema?**
- 4. Where do community referrals of adults and children with headache to secondary care come from?**
- 5. If there are established referral pathways or guidelines for headache could you please provide a copy, or the directions for accessing them online if available?**

Chair: Prem Singh

Interim Chief Executive Officer: Peter Axon

6. Could you please provide the name(s) of the secondary care provision(s) that accept referrals of adults and children with headache + papilloedema?
7. Could you please provide the name(s) of the secondary care provision(s) that accept referrals of adults and children with headache?

Please find attached completed questionnaire as requested.

### **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 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

**Paul Winter**  
**Deputy Director of Corporate Governance,**  
**Compliance & Data Protection/Data Protection Officer**