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Dear

FOI-0125/1198

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on 24th February 2025. We can 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 that this reply is made only on behalf of the Integrated Care Board (ICB) as an FOI Public Authority– in line with the information provided on our FOIA web page about handling request made of the non-FOIA, non-statutory entity called an “ICS” which does not exist in organisational form. The information not held by the ICB will be handled therefore under a Section 21 – Information reasonably accessible by other means exemption per:-

Freedom of Information - Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, Integrated Care Board

1. Leadership

Please provide the name and role of the individual(s) within the ICS responsible for overseeing governance and accountability structures related to care delivery.

The individual responsible for overseeing governance and accountability for the ICB, as an NHS Commissioning body not a care provider, is Tracey Shewan, Director of Corporate Governance.

Please provide information on the accountability measures in place for ICS leaders to ensure compliance with NHS England guidelines and objectives.

For solely the ICB, our Chief Executive Officer, Peter Axon. The ICB follows the NHSE guidelines on ICB Accountability Framework / NHS Oversight Framework and other regulatory compliance materials, which are publicly available via the NHSE website <https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

NHS Providers (Trusts & Foundation Trusts) – are separately accountable as ICS Partners to NHSE through their own mechanisms and need to be contacted via separate FOI requests made to them individually.

2. Innovation & Transformation

Please provide the name and role of the individual(s) responsible for overseeing innovation within the ICS, specifically regarding the adoption of medical technologies.

The ICB does not have any one individual staff member or staff members that are responsible for this area, although we do have a degree of innovation duties assigned to our Quality & Safety and Strategic Commissioning & Transformation Committees, and more

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widely for the ICB-ICS, the work of the Health and Care Senate. Please contact the providers listed below at the end of this letter for their local provider-specific medical technology innovation arrangements.

Please provide details of any frameworks or committees that exist to review and approve new medical technologies within the ICS.

Please refer to the ICB's Governance Handbook for our Committee Structure and Terms of Reference: [governance-handbook](#)

Please contact the providers listed below at the end of this letter for their details.

Please provide information on how the ICS evaluates the effectiveness of adopted medical technologies in patient care.

The ICB does not hold this information, please contact the providers listed below at the end of this letter for their details.

Please provide details of any designated funds or budgets for innovation within the ICS, including the name and role of the individual(s) responsible for allocating this resource. The ICB does not hold this information as Service Development Funding (SDF) is separately arranged for via NHS England ([NHS England » Primary care service development funding and general practice IT funding guidance 2023/24](#)), and provided within the general NHSE allocation to ICBs. For NHS Provider details as to how they deploy available funding, please contact the providers listed below at the end of this letter for their details.

3. Patient Outcomes

Please provide the name and role of the individual(s) who is accountable for patient outcomes, patient engagement and patient choice, and any performance metrics used to assess patient outcomes within the ICS.

The ICB's Executive Lead for Patient Choice and Performance metrics related to healthcare contracts is Phil Smith, Chief Delivery Officer for the ICB. And Lee Squire, Associate Director, Provider Management.

For Patient Engagement, the Executive Lead is Heather Johnstone, Chief Nursing & Therapies Officer.

Please provide details on how the ICS monitors and reports on patient outcomes related to the use of medical technologies.

The ICB does not hold this information, please contact the providers listed below at the end of this letter for their details.

4. Specialised Commissioning

Please provide the name and role of the individual(s) within the ICS responsible for specialised commissioning.

The ICB Executive responsible for overseeing specialised commissioning for the ICB is Elizabeth Disney, Chief Transformation Officer.

Please provide details on how the ICS ensures accountability in decision-making regarding specialised commissioning, including any external review bodies.

Please refer to the ICBs Website Board Meeting papers for March 2024: [NHS ICB board-papers/2024/march-2024/](#)

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Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust:

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North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust:

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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
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SK9 5AF

www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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