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Dear

FOI/0625/1311

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on 10th June 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 the ICBs responses in blue.

1. Does your ICB currently commission a dedicated community bowel and bladder (continence) service for children and young people?

If yes, please provide:

- ***The name of the service and which Trust or provider is commissioned to provide this service.***
- ***The age range covered.***
- ***Whether the service includes Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 continence care The date the service was first commissioned.***
- ***The referral pathway for children to access any continence services***

If no:

- ***Are there any plans to commission such a service?***
- ***How are children with continence needs currently supported in your ICB area?***

No, The ICB have no plans to commission a dedicated bowel and bladder service at this stage. Whilst we have continence services, the services do not support CYP with bowel conditions. Children with bowel conditions are supported by the Children's Community Nursing teams.

3. Does your ICB collect or hold data on children presenting with bowel and bladder issues (e.g. constipation, urinary retention, faecal incontinence) in A&E or primary care settings?

If so:

- ***How is this data coded and classified?***

The ICB does not hold this data

4. Are children who present to A&E with abdominal pain or constipation routinely referred to a community continence service? If so, which service?

The ICB does not hold this information.

5. Does your ICB hold data on the number of children accessing continence support services in the past three years (e.g. referrals, community appointments, home care)? If so, please provide figures.

The ICB does not hold this data

6. Has your ICB carried out a local needs assessment or gap analysis relating to children's continence care in the past five years? If yes, please provide a copy or summary.

No

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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Does your ICB currently commission a dedicated community bowel and bladder (continence) service for children and young people?

If yes, please provide:

- The name of the service and which Trust or provider is commissioned to provide this service. [The ICB does not commission a single dedicated bowel and bladder service, our commissioned provision is detailed in the table below.](#)
- The age range covered. [Set out below](#)
- Whether the service includes Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 continence care. [The ICB does not hold this clinical information; this is held by the providers](#)

The date the service was first commissioned. [The ICB is not able to confirm the exact date this was first commissioned due to the number of services in place to support this condition and changes to specification contents and references however we are able to confirm that we provided a commissioned provision for continence services dating back to 2016/17.](#)

The referral pathway for children to access any continence services [The ICB does not hold this clinical information; this is held by- the providers](#)

If no:

Are there any plans to commission such a service?

How are children with continence needs currently supported in your ICB area?

Service	Provider	Criteria	Element of Continence provision delivered	CCG – locality
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<p>Continence (Adults & Young People)</p>	<p>Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust</p>	<p>CYP The Child or young person is aged 16 years or under. And young people in receipt of an EHCP up to the age of 18 years</p> <p>Adult The service is for the delivery of a community-based provision of assessment, treatment and management of adult continence conditions</p>	<p>Provide expert advice and support to parents, carers and health professionals including training and supervision of procedures.</p> <p>Undertake comprehensive bladder and or bowel assessments and appropriate training to health professionals followed by appropriate treatment programme and care plans.</p> <p>Support the management of prescribed medication in partnership with the GP and Community Paediatrician as appropriate.</p> <p>Support the provision of appropriate products for children and young people with identified continence difficulties following assessment.</p>	<p>North Staffordshire Stoke on Trent</p>
<p>Children's Community Nursing Team Pan-Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent</p>	<p>Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust</p>	<p>Up to 18 years To actively manage symptoms of constipation through advice/support and healthcare interventions thus avoiding admission to acute setting wherever appropriate and safe to do so, in Staffordshire</p> <p>Assessment and referral to appropriate part of the service: CCN or nurse led constipation clinic Advice and support on managing ongoing symptoms</p>	<p>To elevate/manage symptoms of constipation through advice/support and healthcare interventions thus avoiding admission to acute setting wherever appropriate and safe to do so.</p>	<p>Pan-Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent</p>

		Education to enable CYP/parents to monitor and GP prescribed treatment with liaison to the GP, to communicate treatment plan Liaison with MDT and refer onto specialist service as appropriate.		
Continence Services	Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust	(4–5 yr old) The service shall deliver a coordinated and evidence-based approach to support children with complex continence needs. This will include children with special needs.	co-ordination and provision of continence products to support the child's continence needs following an appropriate assessment. Coordinated and evidence-based approach to support children with complex continence needs. This will include children with special needs.	Cannock chase, East Staffordshire, Southeast Staffordshire and Seisdon peninsular, Stafford and Surrounds,
Children & Young People Targeted Intervention Service	Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust	5-19 or (25 Yrs for those with an EHC) Undertake continence assessments (including enuresis) and provide clinical intervention and appropriate products (excluding pads) to CYP using evidence-based practice.	Undertake continence assessments (including enuresis) and provide clinical intervention and appropriate products (excluding pads) to CYP using evidence-based practice	Stoke on Trent
Children's Community Learning Disability Team	Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust	Child Support and intervention advice on continence when there is evidence that all interventions by other professionals have been unsuccessful e.g. school nurse, health visitor, continence service	Support and intervention advice on continence when there is evidence that all interventions by other professionals have been unsuccessful e.g. school nurse, health visitor, continence service Continence supplies or assessments that are within the remit of primary care services.	Cannock chase, East Staffordshire, Southeast Staffordshire and Seisdon peninsular, Stafford and Surrounds,

<p>Special School Nursing</p>	<p>Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust</p>	<p>Support children and young people attending Special Schools in their school environment in order that they can play a full and active role in school life, remain healthy and achieve their academic potential.</p>	<p>Continence Assessments for children and young people requiring continence support and place orders for appropriate products. Toilet training and advice and support.</p> <p>Implementation of continence/ bowel management packages in school Produce care plans, monitor health impact and refer to specialist as required.</p> <p>Implement Bowel Management – liaising with constipation clinics as required. Liaise with any relevant Nurse Specialist as appropriate.</p> <p>Enuresis Provide assessment of Enuresis. Advise on and order bed wetting products e.g. alarms if required. Liaise with GP if required e.g. with prescribing medication in-line with local prescribing formularies and guidelines. Liaise with any relevant Nurse Specialist as appropriate</p>	<p>Stafford and Surrounds, Cannock Chase, East Staffordshire, Southeast Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula, North Staffordshire</p>
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