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Sent by email

Dear

FOI-0624-861

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 3rd June 2024. 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 see our responses in blue below:

- 1. I am writing to request a copy of the information you hold specifying what consultations were held, and what these consultations found, that led to the decision to remove funding and therefore close the mental health services offered by brighter futures.**
- 2. I am writing to request this information as myself and many service users feel we were not consulted publicly before this decision was made and would like to understand what consultations we may have missed that took place.**

The ICB is currently reviewing its Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) grants and contracts.

The aim of the review is to ensure investments are aligned to the ICB priorities and are serving the needs of our population. A number of criteria are being applied to assess any impact on urgent and emergency care services, service users and patient outcomes. There is also a consideration not to shift any costs onto our system partners.

A letter to all organisations who currently receive grants or who have contracts with the ICB was sent on the 31st March 2024 to outline the process and timeframe.

At present, no notice has been given to any organisation to withdraw funding or stop services, but if a decision is made to end or reduce a grant or contract, then reasonable timescales will be offered to support the transition for organisations and services users.

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 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
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Yours sincerely

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