



**Staffordshire and  
Stoke-on-Trent**  
Integrated Care Board

Our Ref: PW/SJR/FOI/0625/1332

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**Sent by email**

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Dear

**FOI/0625/1332**

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

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025. We can now 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. Responses are highlighted in blue.

***Can the ICB please confirm what accreditations are currently ongoing or soon to go to market? Can you provide a list of the specialities that are being accredited e.g., Dermatology, Ear Nose Throat, Cardiology etc. We understand that these accreditations are in response to amendments to the National Health Service Commissioning Board and Clinical Commissioning Groups (Responsibilities and Standing Rules) Regulations which came into force on 1 January 2024. The amendments seek to replace competitive procurement with a Provider Accreditation process whereby providers who meet the commissioning requirements, full pathway service specification and qualifying criteria, are awarded an NHS Standard Contract (zero-based) for delivery of that service under Direct Award Process B of the Provider Selection Regime.***

A number of parties have contract SSOT ICB to express an interest in becoming accredited for providing services to our population. Some of these enquiries remain in the early stages of clarification so a full list is not available. All enquiries for accreditation must meet the national definitions and criteria to be offered under patient choice.

Services where Providers have requested further information on the pathways, specifications and pricing that SSOT ICB commissions against include :

ADHD, Autism, Cardiology, Dermatology, General Surgery, Orthopaedics / MSK, Pain Management, Respiratory and ENT

**Can you provide details of the Procurement Lead and the email address of the team who are co-ordinating the accreditations so that we can contact them to explore any opportunities to engage in the process?**

SSOT ICB has published an enquiry page online at [Contracting and Procurement - Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, Integrated Care Board](#) which contains information for

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organisations seeking accreditation. This includes details on the process being operated and a contact mailbox that can be used to request accreditation.

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](mailto: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  
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Yours sincerely

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