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Dear

FOI-0125/1162

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on 27th January 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 see our responses in blue below:

- ***Details of any material contracts (meaning contracts with an annual value of £250,000 or more) that have been entered into by the ICB or any NHS body within it in the last 5 years that include any “gain share” or “risk share” commercial or pricing mechanisms (by which terms I mean any contracts where some or all of the sums paid to the relevant supplier vary according to how much money/time/resources the supplier has been able to save for the relevant NHS body). For example, I am aware of contracts like this which exist around medicines management so that suppliers are paid more depending on how much money they can save through medicines optimisation processes.***

SSOT ICB is responsible for commissioning healthcare services for the residents of Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent. SSOT ICB agrees contracts on an annual basis with healthcare providers based on the national pricing and tariff issued by NHS England for that Financial Year. Other contracts/grants are issued on a block funding basis.

Therefore, there are no contracts or details to report against this request.

- ***I am particularly interested in any contracts that include gain share or risk share mechanisms related to productivity gains and those that exist between the NHS and information technology suppliers (for example, if a supplier were to undertake to reduce the amount of time spent on an appointment so that healthcare professionals could do more in each day and so fewer staff are needed, would the supplier be paid a variable amount based on any savings realised by the relevant NHS body).***

No contracts or details to report against this request.

Chair: David Pearson MBE

Chief Executive Officer: Peter Axon

- *I note that there is a body referred to as NHS Oversight (see: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/system-and-organisational-oversight/assuring-and-supporting-complex-change/certain-significant-service-contracts/>) and it states that it needs to review certain complex commercial contracts being entered into by any NHS body, including those that include gain/risk sharing mechanisms (i.e. “Such contracts could include: significant contracts between trusts and non-NHS organisations that have risk/gain share arrangements”). Please can you flag any contracts that you may have submitted to NHS Oversight for review within the last 5 years that fall within that definition.*

No contracts or details to report against this request.

- **Details of the contracts, including relevant parties and values.**

No contracts or details to report against this request.

- **Soft copies of the relevant contracts.**

No contracts or details to report against this request.

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:

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Yours sincerely

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