

Our Ref: SY/AKB/FOI-10-139

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Dear

**FOI-10-139**

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

Thank you for your request dated the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Although under the FOI Act the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board (ICB) is unlikely to hold relevant information, we are happy to provide you with the answers in blue below.

**The current contract for Integrated Community Equipment for the Authority is currently delivered by Medequip. This contract was due to end in 2018. There have been two abandoned procurement exercises to reprocur this service. Medequip are still providing the service 4 years after their contract was due to legally end.**

**Could you please confirm:**

- 1. What legal basis the provision of this service is currently being delivered under, considering the original procured service was due to end in 2018?**

Following the expiry of the original contract term and in the absence of a successful procurement exercise, Medequip continues to provide the services on an identical, rolling basis which is understood to be terminable on one month's notice by either side.

- 2. What the end date is for the current provision?**

Please see response to question one above.

- 3. What plans are in place by the Authority to reprocur this service?**

The ICB is taking over as lead commissioner of the Medequip contract in place of Staffordshire County Council. There are no confirmed plans or timescales for re-procurement at this stage. Any procurement will occur in line with the ICB procurement policy, a copy of which is attached.

- 4. What date the procurement will commence?**

Please see response to question three above.

## **Right of Appeal**

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](mailto: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  
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[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

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