



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

Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI/0424/787

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Sent by email

Dear

**FOI-0424-787**

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

Thank you for your request for information received on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and your clarification to our query of the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 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:

**I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request copies of any email or WhatsApp correspondence to or from the medical director or equivalent of your health board or integrated care board - including any correspondence sent via their PAs or secretaries - since 1 April 2021, containing the following terms within the body of the email or any attachments:**

**Long Covid AND, any of the following:**

**Nice OR National Institute for Health and Care Excellence guidelines ; GMC OR General medical council; Medicalise; Psychological; Functional; Psychosomatic; Fabricated OR FII**

Please be advised that Exemption 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to your request as this information is reasonable accessible by other means, i.e. the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence and the General Medical Council. Contact details below:

**National Institute for Health and Care Excellence**

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**General Medical Council**

**[How to access information about what we do - GMC \(gmc-uk.org\)](#)**

**Chair:** David Pearson MBE

**Chief Executive Officer:** Peter Axon

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  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

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

Yours sincerely

**Paul Winter**  
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