

Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI-09-537

21st September 2023

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Dear

FOI-09-537

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 14th September 2023. 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:

Please can I request the following under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

1. Do you oversee a Long Covid Clinic?

Yes, Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB commission Long Covid Services via NHS England funding.

2. How many clinics?

The ICB does not hold this level of information. This information may be held at Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust who provide Long Covid Services on behalf of the ICB. Contact details as below:

Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust
<https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-information>

3. Since opening, how many patients have been admitted to the clinic(s)?

Response re question two applies.

4. In the same period, how many people have been discharged?

Response re question two applies.

5. NHS England has said it will cease to fund Long Covid services nationally from end of March 2024 with ICBs taking control of funding decisions. Has your ICB decided if it will continue funding the long covid clinic(s)?

NHS England has not indicated that national funding for Long COVID services will cease after March 2024. It is anticipated that funding from NHS England to support Long COVID services will in future be allocated directly to ICB's.

NHS England have supported the establishment Long COVID services across the country in accordance with the clinical pathway outlined by the National Institute of Health and Care Excellence and the standards set out in NHS England's national commissioning publications. From April 2024, NHS England's central Long COVID programme which directed long COVID policy and establishment of services will cease as long COVID services are delivered as business as usual for the NHS, which means that ICBs will be responsible for the continued delivery of these services, in accordance with the guidance established, and population need.

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
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Yours sincerely

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