



Staffordshire and
Stoke-on-Trent
Integrated Care Board

Our Ref: PW/TLR/FOI/0525/1287

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Sent by email

Dear

FOI/0525/1287

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 16th April 2025 via our colleagues in our mental health team. 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.

Has the ICS made its local Discharge To Assess Policy and Protocol available to the public and if so, in what format please? (Please supply the link, if the answer is yes, online).

If not, or if the above-mentioned publicly available local Discharge to Assess Policy and Protocol does not deal with the legal responsibility for the funding of the first package of care after hospital discharge (regardless of whether it has been commissioned through NHS or LA processes), please describe how the local arrangements address the difference between the funding arrangements (NHS, LA, s75 partnership, s256 grants) for the following types of discharge arrangement:

Formal rehabilitation or other specific NHS services Interim or step down services intended for the completion of recuperation after patients have been deemed medically optimised or no longer meeting the criteria to reside Intermediate Care Services Reablement Services Temporary Respite on account of lack of commissioned capacity issues Long Term Social Services from hospital.

We are aware of the national dataset analysis of CHC application outcomes here https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2025/02/CHC-and-FNC-Report-Q3-2024-25_NT63r.pdf. The report defines a referral as the earliest notification (to the ICB or organisation acting on behalf of the ICB) that full consideration for NHS CHC is required (e.g. a positive checklist or other notification, or Fast Track paperwork.) The total number of referrals discounted before assessment is one of the metrics required. We therefore assume that the ICB must record the number of apparently positive Checklists received from the hospital discharge system and the community. If so, please link us to that data and provide the means to compare it with figures from earlier reference periods?

The ICS Discharge to Assess process for Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent is available digitally here - [Hospital Discharge Information - Staffs and Stoke-On-Trent ICS](#)

Chair: David Pearson MBE

Chief Executive Officer: Peter Axon

Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent ICB commission Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust (MPFT) to deliver Discharge to Assess for Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent patients. It would be for MPFT to respond to the question around funding.

To obtain the this information please contact MPFT at; foi@mpft.nhs.uk

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 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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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Yours sincerely


Head of Governance