



Our Ref: PW/TLR/FOI/0525/1291

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Sent by email

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Dear

**FOI/0525/1291**

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

Thank you for your request for information received on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 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.

***I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.***

***Please provide the following information for the last three financial years: 2022–2023, 2023–2024, and 2024–2025 (to date):***

- 1. Has your ICB provided funding to any women's organisations supporting victims/survivors of Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) – including but not limited to domestic abuse, sexual assault? For each organisation funded, please include name of the organisation, total amount of funding allocated, purpose of the funding / description of service supported.***
- 2. Has your ICB provided funding to any VAWG organisation led by and for Black and minoritised women? For each organisation funded, please include name of the organisation, total amount of funding allocated, purpose of the funding / description of service supported.***
- 3. Has your ICB collaborated or engaged with VAWG organisations led by and for Black and minoritised women since 2022? If yes, describe the nature of collaboration.***
- 4. Please confirm whether any engagement or commissioning of VAWG organisations led by and for Black and minoritised women is planned.***
- 5. Has NHS Women's Health Hub funding been used to support VAWG services in your ICB area? If yes, please specify how.***
- 6. Has your ICB conducted any Equality Impact Assessments relating to the commissioning of VAWG services since 2022? If yes, please provide the relevant documents.***
- 7. What monitoring or evaluation processes are in place to assess whether funded VAWG services are reaching and effectively supporting Black and minoritised women?***
- 8. Please provide any guidance documents or commissioning strategies used by the ICB when making funding decisions related to VAWG.***

***If any part of this request is exempt, please specify the section(s) and the reason(s) for exemption.***

Regarding questions 4,6 and 7, the ICB has no records of any equality impact assessment being undertaken relating to violence against women and girls (VAWG) services since 2022.

All Equality and Health Inequalities Impact Assessments (EHIA's) are required to consider all protected characteristics including (intersectionality's) e.g. Sex and Race, and where unlawful behaviour, adverse or disproportionate impact is identified mitigating actions are considered and/or applied this could include appropriate equality monitoring of service users. This data can also identify if any targeted groups are not using the service.

All the ICB's service, policy, project, or functions require an EHIA. Engagement and feedback from relevant groups and stakeholders are part of this process. Equality assessment and evaluation is also part of the ICBs commissioning process.

Regarding the remaining questions the ICB does not hold any information in relation to monitoring of these services.

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](mailto: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:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

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

Yours sincerely

  
**Head of Governance**



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