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Dear

**FOI-10-582**

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

Thank you for your request for information received on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 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 could I receive a copy of the medium-term financial plan for the ICS, which I understand was required to be completed by the end of quarter two of 23/24. Please provide this document in full.**

Please be advised that Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to your request as the financial plan is currently being prepared and is intended to be published when finalised and approved by the ICB Board.

A Public Interest Test has been applied which is attached herewith. Also details of Section 22 can be found below:

***Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Information intended for future publication:***

1. *Information is exempt information if:*

- a) *the information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not),*
- b) *the information was already held with a view to such publication at the time when the request for information was made, and*
- c) *it is reasonable in all the circumstances that the information should be withheld from disclosure until the date referred to in paragraph (a).*



*Section 22 is a qualified exemption and we are required to conduct a Public Interest Test when applying any qualified exemption. This means that after it has been decided that the exemption is engaged, the public interest in releasing the information must be considered. If the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in withholding it then the exemption does not apply and it must be released. In the FOIA there is a presumption that information should be released unless there are compelling reasons to withhold it. We have considered whether it would be in the public interest for us to provide you with the information requested ahead of publication, despite the exemption being applicable.*

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

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