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Sent by email

Dear

**FOI-12-660**

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

Thank you for your request for information received on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 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:

**I am requesting information relating to the commissioning of NHS funded abortion services in Staffordshire.**

**1. How long has the current contract with a sole provider been in place?**

Current contract is three years with the option of additional two years. Contract commenced 2022.

**2. Who is the commissioner responsible for this contract and how can they be contacted?**

Phil Smith  
Chief Delivery Officer

**3. Does the contract for abortion services for the residents of Staffordshire include a comprehensive range of services - ranging from early medical abortion, through to surgical abortion up to the legal limit?**

Yes.

**4. What arrangements are in place for quality assurance of the abortion services under this contract?**

Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent has regular Contract Review Meetings (CRMs) and Quality Review Meetings (QRMs).

**5. What arrangements exist to monitor the performance of the provider in delivering the contracted services?**

CRMs and QRMs.

6. Are there contingency arrangements in place to vary the contract in the event of the provider not being able to fulfil the contract to a satisfactory level at all times (given that this is a highly time-sensitive service where any interruption in service delivery is very likely to result in patient harm)?

The details we require are:

Arrangements are in place for when there are high levels of demand.

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

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Yours sincerely

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