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Dear

**FOI-0424-786**

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

Thank you for your request for information received on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024. 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 writing under the Freedom of Information Act to enquire where the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board has a publicly available version of the interim policy on IVF and other fertility healthcare provisions which was agreed upon in December 2023.**

**On the ICB's website it says that this new interim policy will come into effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> February however I cannot seem to locate it online. I checked the specific webpage on the policy, seen [here](#), however when I click on the link to access the document it says that the page is not found.**

**Is there a possibility of obtaining a copy of the interim fertility policy?**

Please find below the link to the Policy on the ICB Website as requested:

<https://staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk/your-nhs-integrated-care-board/our-publications/governance-handbook/all-policies/commissioning/ivf-aligned-policy-v1-1-march-2024/?layout=default>

Please be advised that we have had reassurance from the Comms team that the location of the policy has been rectified.

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 ICB can be contacted at:

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

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

Yours sincerely

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