

Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI/10/562

Stafford Education & Enterprise Park
Weston Road
Stafford
ST18 0BF

13th October 2023

Sent by email

Telephone: 0300 123 1461

Dear

FOI-10-562

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 10th 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:

I am currently looking for the most up to date version of your fertility clinical commissioning policy. I understand that the below document was your draft interim policy that was under review, and you were inviting the public to provide feedback.

<https://staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk/~documents/route%3A/download/702/>

Is this the document currently used in the NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-On-Trent area, or has it been updated?

The Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB currently work to three Assisted Conception policies dependent on where patients live (please see links below). These were inherited from the Clinical Commissioning Groups that the ICB took over from.

The ICB ran an involvement exercise through March 2023, which was an opportunity for stakeholders, patients and the public to share their views on the ICB's draft interim Infertility and Assisted Conception Policy. A report of findings from the involvement has been developed and a further review of the draft policy has been undertaken. The final draft Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Infertility and Assisted Conception Policy will be discussed at the ICB Board during winter 2023/2024 and the full details can be found at **[Board meetings - Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, Integrated Care Board \(icb.nhs.uk\)](#)**.

This interim policy may change following publication of revised NICE Guidance due to be published in November 2024 or should any NHSE mandates require otherwise prior to this. The ICB has committed publicly to reviewing the interim policy in its entirety once further national guidance has been published.

The current policies in use can be found at:

Stoke-on-Trent:

<https://staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk/your-nhs-integrated-care-board/our-publications/governance-handbook/all-policies/commissioning/commissioning-policy-for-assisted-conception-stoke-on-trent-v3/?layout=default>

North Staffordshire:

<https://staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk/your-nhs-integrated-care-board/our-publications/governance-handbook/all-policies/commissioning/infertility-and-assisted-reproduction-commissioning-policy-north-staffordshire-v2/?layout=default>

South Staffordshire:

<https://staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk/your-nhs-integrated-care-board/our-publications/governance-handbook/all-policies/commissioning/south-ivf-2019-v2-4-south-master-26-june-2019/?layout=default>

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 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

Yours sincerely

Paul Winter
Associate Director of Corporate Governance