

Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI-12-208

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Dear

FOI-12-208

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request dated the 28th December 2022. We can confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board does hold the information that you have requested. Please see our responses in blue below:

1. Which of these fertility treatments do you provide for your transgender patients?

- a. *Egg harvesting*
- b. *Cryopreservation of eggs*
 - a) *How long do you offer cryopreservation of eggs for?*
- c. *Extraction of sperm, both surgical and self-ejaculatory*
- d. *Cryopreservation of sperm*
 - a) *How long do you offer cryopreservation of sperm for?*
- e. *IVF Embryo Treatment*
- f. *Embryo cryopreservation*
 - a) *How long do you offer embryo cryopreservation for?*
- g. *Ovarian Tissue Extraction and Cryopreservation*
 - a) *How long do you offer cryopreservation of ovarian tissue for?*

2. What, if any, are the youngest ages of patients that are entitled to receive these treatments?

- h. *Egg harvesting*
- i. *Egg cryopreservation*
- j. *Sperm harvesting*
- k. *Sperm cryopreservation*
- l. *IVF Embryo Treatment*
- m. *Embryo cryopreservation*
- n. *Ovarian Tissue Extraction and Cryopreservation*

3. If you have answered no to any of the above questions, what is the “strong justification” that your CCG has for not funding this fertility treatment?

The Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board is in the process of aligning the IVF policies. In the absence of an aligned interim policy we are still working to three separate policies which include sections on fertility preservations. The policies are attached for your reference.

Right of Appeal

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
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Yours sincerely

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