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Dear

### **FOI-12-653 - Review**

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

Thank you for your request for the ICB to review the response of the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 provided to your original request of the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023. You have referred to number eight, for which the response does not relate the activity within the contract but to activity delivered.

We can confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board have reviewed our original response and 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:

**Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like to request the following information:**

- 1. Who are the ICB's current contracted providers for tertiary level IVF / Fertility Specialist services?**

**No change to original response.**

Circle Health Group Limited  
CARE Fertility Manchester Limited  
CARE Fertility Tamworth Limited  
Manchester Fertility  
Nurture Facility

- 2. Who are the ICB's current contracted providers for secondary level reproductive medicine / sub fertility services?**

**No change to original response.**

Fertility investigation services are commissioned via Acute Trusts and Patients are given a choice of Provider via the national e-RS System.

**3. Who have held the ICB/CCG's contracted providers for tertiary level IVF / Fertility Specialist services and for what time period / dates since 2012?**

**No change to original response.**

The above contracts have been in place since 2017.

**4. Who are the ICB/CCG's contracted providers for secondary level reproductive medicine / sub fertility services and for what time period / dates since 2012?**

**No change to original response.**

Please refer to question three above.

**5. What was the last procurement exercise undertaken for IVF / Fertility Specialist services?**

**No change to original response.**

The last procurement for Southern Staffordshire concluded to award in February 2017.

**6. What is it expected the next procurement exercise will be undertaken for IVF / Fertility Specialist services?**

**No change to original response.**

Planned 2024 but not yet confirmed.

**7. Is there a fixed tariff for IVF? If so, what is this? If not, what is the tariff per current provider?**

**No change to original response.**

Fixed tariff is in place only for those contracts stated above, IVF £3181.

**8. What volume of activity did the ICB commission for IVF and ICSI services per year from 2012?**

**Additional information provided below**

Zero activity based contract as commissioned on an any qualified provider basis – no activity guaranteed. Collated data by procedure not available at ICB level.

Total Commissioned activity	2022/23	2023/24
IVF	71	52
ICSI	50	34
There was an 'other' category – for more information the FOI requester would need to request this from the providers.	95	87
IUI	0	0
Sperm Donation	0	0
Egg Donation	0	0

**9. What volume of activity did the ICB commission for ICU services per year from 2012?**

How was the above activity split per provider per year from 2022/23 and 2023/24 (todate)? If this could be provided in the below format per provider.

Additional information provided below.

Provider 1 -Care Fertility	2022/23	2023/24
IVF	26	17
ICSI	0	0
There was an 'other' category – for more information the FOI requester would need to request this from the providers.	26	13

IUI not commissioned by the former CCGs with the exception of North Staffordshire CCG (activity data not available).

**10. What volume egg and or sperm donor services did the ICB commission per year from 2012?**

Additional information provided below.

Egg and sperm donor procedures are subject to a prior approval process and therefore no indicative activity is commissioned in the contract.

- Donor Sperm zero for all financial years.
- Donor Eggs is currently commissioned for the former Southern Staffordshire CCGs and the figure are as below:

Year	Number of Donor Eggs
2013/2014	0
2014/2015	0
2015/2016	1
2016/2017	1
2017/2018	0
2018/2019	0
2019/2020	2
2020/2021	0
2022/2023	0

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:

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Yours sincerely

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