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Dear

FOI/1225/1563

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received on the 29 December 2025. We can now 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 note the ICBs responses in [blue text](#).

Please can you provide me with the following information:

Is the ICB already using the FDP? If the ICB isn't already using the FDP can you please provide me with a specific rollout date? If there is one.

[Yes - but only exploratory basis and not fully, so no rollout data for full use exists.](#)

It has been widely reported that there have been hidden and unbudgeted for costs to implementing the FDP at local and national levels. What is the projected and locally budgeted for cost of the rollout and implementation of the FDP that hasn't already been provided for by NHSE national funding from the initial FDP contract? This might include, but is not limited to, extra training costs, staff costs, consultancy workers, hardware, software, licenses, or other IT related costs.

[The ICB does not hold any locally produced projections or budgets that identify additional costs that fall outside the nationally funded FDP programme.](#)

What FDP instances/apps/products are currently in use and what are planning to be rollout out?

[Currently the SCC product is in Pilot stage and the ICB is working on integrating the data required for the product, we are hoping to go fully live operationally with this Product in December 2026. The ICB are currently exploring the strategic commissioning tool, and the supplier has indicated that this tool will be available for deployment in early 2026, and the ICB will assess adoption once the product is ready.](#)

Please can you release all documents, emails, meeting minutes, attachments and other communications relevant to the FDP rollout within the trust.

[We are refusing this request under Section 12\(1\) of the FOI Act, as the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit of £450 \(equivalent to 18 staff hours\).](#)

The scope of your request currently is very broad and, based on a full assessment, by the ICB and its IT service provider, it has been determined that this would require retrieving 197 emails and many more documents across Share Point folders held by the ICB across multiple directorates and other commissioned service provider organisations' systems (including email accounts, shared drives, document management systems and relevant paper files). Following this review, we have identified a very large volume of material that we would need to examine document by document in order to determine the relevance of against your request and to apply any necessary exemptions and redactions.

Taking into account the number of items and teams involved, the actual volume of records, and the time required to locate, retrieve and review the information, we confirm that the work required would significantly exceed 18 hours, which will require a payment of the FOI processing fee of £450.

Under Section 16 of the Act, we have a duty to advise and assist you to refine your request so that it may fall within the cost limit, by focusing on a shorter time period (e.g. the last three months' worth of documents) or a narrower set of documents (e.g. restricting it to the ICB only) or defining a particular aspect of the FDP rollout. If you submit a revised request along these lines, we would be happy to reassess it.

Has the ICB asked its legal advisor if it's legally required to take up the software?
No, the ICB has not.

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 ICB FOI team by emailing; staffsstokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk or by post to the address at the top of this letter within 40 working days of the initial response.

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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Water Lane
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Yours sincerely

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