

Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI-07-444

24<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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Sent by email

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Dear

**FOI-07-444**

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

Thank you for your request for information received on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 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 writing to request the following information:**

**Freedom of Information Request: Pregnancy and Miscarriage**

- 1. How many early pregnancy units do you have within your health board?  
Please can you provide the opening times of those early pregnancy units?**

This information is not held by the ICB as we do not commission these services specifically. Your request should be sent to University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust, University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Trust and Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust. Contact details below:

**University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust**

<https://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/contact-us/>

**University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Trust**

<https://www.uhdb.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information-foi/>

**Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust**

<https://www.royalwolverhampton.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/>

- 2. Do you have any *dedicated* recurrent pregnancy-loss clinics or recurrent miscarriage clinics within your health board? If so, please can you give the number of clinics you have?**

See response to question one above.

- 3. Do you have any *dedicated* pregnancy-loss clinics or miscarriage clinics (i.e. for non recurring losses) within your health board? If so, please can you give the number of clinics you have?**

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- 4. How many recurrent miscarriages would an individual need to experience before being entitled to an investigation into the causes?**

See response to question 3 above.

- 5. What mental health support do you offer for people affected by miscarriage?**

The Lotus Service is commissioned as a partnership between North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust and Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust. Launching in 2021, it delivers mental health support to those, including partners / fathers, who are living through pregnancy and baby loss, birth trauma and tokophobia (fear of childbirth), with referrals being made by appropriate health professionals.

### **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](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:

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

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

Yours sincerely

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