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Dear

FOI-0324-770

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 18th March 2024. 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:

Under freedom of information legislation I would be grateful if you could respond to the following questions concerning the community pharmacy independent prescribing pathfinder programme:

1. How many Pathfinder sites did you have within your area as at 31 January 2024?

Five

2. How many Pathfinder sites do you have within your area now?

Five

3. How many expressions of interest/applications were received to take part in the Pathfinder pilot in your area?

Twelve

4. What criteria were used to score expressions of interest/applications?

The Following are the Criteria used to score the EOIs to be eligible for the Pathfinder pilot:

- Availability of IPs available to deliver the project
- Employment status of the IPs to deliver the project within the organisation

- Competencies of the IPs to deliver the project
- Specific Location and Geography
- Ability to meet a specific Local need in SSOT – These include:
 1. Specific Vulnerable Groups
 2. Areas of High Deprivation
 3. Areas of High levels of Health Inequalities
 4. Lack of Care Delivery for specific Patient Groups
 5. Long Distance from Nearest Out of Hours Facility/ Walk in centre/A&E
- Premises Standards
- Demonstration of the ability to mitigate Clinical Risk between Prescribing and Dispensing
- Indemnity Arrangements
- Ability to support the IP(s) to participate in MDT, peer support.
- Track record of successful Services Delivery – Both National and Local

5. How many of those who expressed an interest / applicants were accepted from the total that applied?

Five

6. Please provide details of much will those (i.e. a contractor) receive for taking part in the Pathfinder programme including any set up payment, monthly payments etc.

The published figure of £49.44 per hour. Each pathfinder can claim for up to 24 sessions per month (each session is 4 hours = £198) when they start providing the Pathfinder programme. They also receive a set-up fee of £1500.

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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