

Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI-06-401

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Dear

FOI-06-401

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 5th June 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 would like to request the following information please:

Is your Integrated Care Board aware of the recently published NHS England publication titled "Optimising personalised care for adults prescribed medicines associated with dependence or withdrawal symptoms: Framework for action for integrated care boards (ICBs) and primary care"? [NHS England » Optimising personalised care for adults prescribed medicines associated with dependence or withdrawal symptoms: Framework for action for integrated care boards \(ICBs\) and primary care](#)

The ICB are aware of the document referred to.

If so, what action will your Board take to:

- a) Provide appropriate withdrawal services (not inappropriate substance misuse services) for patients who have become dependent, through no fault of their own, to prescribed drugs identified in the recent PHE review, such as benzodiazepines, z drugs, opioid containing drugs, antidepressants and pregabalin and gabapentin?**

The ICB has no plans around the publication at this present time.

b) Develop local policies for the above?

Not Applicable

c) Implement in prescribing practice when prescribing the drugs mentioned above?

Individual practices and/or Primary Care Networks (PCNs) may have plans to implement the framework, however, the ICB do not hold this information. Your request should be sent to the GPs/PCNs; contact details as below:

[Practices in Staffordshire - Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, ICS \(staffsstokeics.org.uk\)](http://staffsstokeics.org.uk)

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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