

Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI-12-217

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Sent by email

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Dear

FOI-12-217

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request dated the 6th January 2023. We can confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board does hold the information that you have requested. Please see our responses in blue below:

I was wondering if you would be kind enough to tell me if you are going to create a joint formulary for your ICB? Is it published on your website (as was the case with all NHS CCGs)? - I could not see it.

Currently we have two formularies covering Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent as follows:

[South Staffordshire Joint Formulary Formulary](#)



[North Staffordshire Joint Formulary Formulary](#)

Also, would be able to tell us whether you have Sativex on your new formulary? We receive many queries from people with MS about this medication since its 2019 NICE approval and are trying to draw together better information on its local availability.

Regarding Sativex the recommendation is the same across both formularies – please follow links to the website and extract from the website:

[South Staffordshire Joint Formulary Formulary](#)

[North Staffordshire Joint Formulary Formulary](#)

BNF	SPC	BNF C
	Cannabis extract (Sativex®)	Non Formulary  GREY
Not for inclusion in both the North Staffordshire and South Staffordshire formularies for spasticity in MS in adult patients.		
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Sativex for multiple sclerosis is not routinely commissioned and excluded based upon clinical evidence. Link to NHS Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent ICB Commissioning Policy Excluded and Restricted Procedures Version 2.0		
Sativex is non-formulary for all other indications.		

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
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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