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Dear

**FOI-06-422**

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

Thank you for your request for information received on the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your organisation. Please may you provide me with:**

**1. Does the ICS/ICB have a menopause guideline(s)?**

No.

**a) If so, please provide the date of inception for the guideline(s) and the date of any subsequent update.**

Not Applicable.

**b) The name, title and other role designation(s) of the clinical lead for the guideline(s), and any URL to where the guideline(s) can be viewed on your website.**

Not Applicable.

**c) If there is guidance, when is this due to be updated/reviewed?**

Not Applicable.

**2. Does the ICS/ICB have any menopause pilots? (please include any pilot projects and indicate their status).**

No.

**3. Is a women's healthcare strategy a priority?**

Yes, we have committed to producing a draft Strategy in 2023/2024 building on the national Women's Health Strategy.

**a) If so, please identify commissioning approaches and any commissioned services (existing or planned) that support the priority(ies)**

So far, we have undertaken a comprehensive women's health needs assessment (not yet published) which will form the foundation/building block for the strategy.

**4. Does the ICS/ICB have a women's healthcare lead?**

Yes.

**a) If so, who performs that role? Please state name, title and other role designation(s)?**

Currently the Chief Medical Officer and Deputy Chief Executive, Dr Paul Edmondson-Jones MBE, supported by Dr Rachel Gallyot, Deputy Medical Officer (South) is fulfilling that role on an interim basis.

**b) If not, please indicate any intention to appoint a women's healthcare lead and any related timeframe for the appointment?**

We have funding available to recruit to a two sessions a week (0.2 wte) post for a clinical lead for women's health. We expect to advertise in late June or early July 2023.

**5. Does your locality have a Women's Health Hub (defined as delivering services in the community that better fit around women's lives and streamline access to women's health services <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/25-million-for-womens-health-hub-expansion> )?**

No.

**a) If you do not currently have a Women's Health Hub, is this within the strategy for women's services for your area?**

Not Applicable.

**6. Given the government's intention to improve access to HRT for women, does the ICS/ICB have any targets around HRT usage in menopausal women?**

No.

### **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:  
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Water Lane  
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Yours sincerely

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