

Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI/10/566

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25<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Sent by email

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Dear

**FOI-10-566**

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

Thank you for your request for information received on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 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 have been directed to your team following initial contact with ICB commissioners to help support my enquiry regarding particular services in your ICB. Please could you provide the following key details:**

- 1. Please could you confirm the current contract expiry date of your Minor and Urgent Eyecare community service – this would be known as either a MECS or CUES service?**

The current contract expires on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

- 2. Please could you confirm your commissioning intentions for the future of this contract?**

Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent will be identifying our commissioning intentions during Quarter three of 2023/2024.

- 3. Please confirm any plans to Harmonise the service across the ICB footprint?**

The ICB recognises that legacy commissioning arrangements have resulted in variation of service provision across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent (SSOT). SSOT currently exploring options on how to harmonise MECS/CUES services across our footprint.

- 4. Please confirm the commissioning lead for this service (likely the Ophthalmology lead)?**

Ophthalmology commissioning sits with the Planned Care, Cancer and Diagnosis portfolio, and the Executive Director for this portfolio is Phil Smith.

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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Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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SK9 5AF  
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Yours sincerely

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