

Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI-03-306

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Sent by email

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Dear

FOI-03-306

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 21st March 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:

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I would like to make a freedom of information request and would be grateful if you could respond by email and I look forward to receiving a response.

The information is relating to community ophthalmology services and specifically around the provision of glaucoma care. This information may be available from the ICB planned care team.

Questions

1. Are there any private providers delivering NHS commissioned community glaucoma services? (Y/N)

Yes.

a) 1a. If Yes, are these for new and follow up patients or just follow up patients?

Follow ups in community ophthalmology services. New patients within current pilot pathways (see question two).

b) If Yes, which providers?

Community Health and Eyecare Limited
Primary Eyecare Services

2. Are these services provided in any part by optometrists? (Y/N)

Yes.

a) If Yes, what is the minimum professional qualification of the optometrists providing the service. (eg, MCOptom or Prof Cert Glaucoma or Higher Cert Glaucoma or DipGlau)?

1. Repeat measures **only** for patients with raised intraocular pressures and/or suspect visual fields, all practitioners are required to complete the WOPEC/LOCSU Glaucoma Level 1 training.
2. Enhanced case finding – patients referred, usually following a sight test for further investigation with signs suspicious of glaucoma but without clinical circumstances indicating urgent/emergency referral, College of Optometrists professional Certificate in Glaucoma (or equivalent).

b) Are optometrists responsible for changing glaucoma medications (Y/N)

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 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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**Staffordshire and
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Yours sincerely

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