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Dear

FOI-0325/1248

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for additional information received on 31st March 2025. 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 note the ICBs responses in blue.

I would be grateful if you could supply the following information for each financial year from **2010/11 to 2024/25 (to date)**, in so far as it relates to services provided within your ICB region. Where data for earlier years is not held, I would appreciate any direction towards relevant predecessor organisations (e.g. Clinical Commissioning Groups or Primary Care Trusts), or any reports or summaries indicating how provision has changed over time.

ICB Response

Records held by the contracting team within Staffordshire and Stoke-on Trent ICB go back to 2016 therefore anything prior to this date is no longer available.

The information provided in response to the above, includes information which was held when the organisation operated as Clinical Commissioning Groups and in its current form as an Integrated Care Board.

Prior to the Clinical Commissioning Groups the predecessor organisation was a number of Primary Care Trusts which were dissolved.

<p>1. Palliative Care Workforce within Your ICB Region</p> <p>Please provide, for your ICB area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of Consultant Palliative Medicine doctors (headcount and full-time equivalent), either directly employed or commissioned. <p>The number of District Nurses providing palliative or end-of-life care (headcount and</p>	<p><u>ICB Response</u></p> <p>The ICB does not hold this information. This information will sit within the provider organisations which employ Consultant Palliative Medicine Doctors or District Nurses.</p> <p>Providers located within the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB area include</p>
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<p>FTE), whether directly employed or commissioned</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University Hospital North Midlands (UHNM) Royal Stoke and County Hospital sites. • University Hospital Derby & Burton (UHDB) (Queens Hospital – Burton-on-Trent). • Midlands Partnership University Foundation Trust (MPFT) (Community Provider). <p>Hospices located within the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB area are: Douglas Macmillan Hospice Katharine House Hospice and St Giles Hospice.</p>
<p>If available, please also indicate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the nursing staff are designated as generalist or specialist in palliative care; • The employing or contracting body (e.g. NHS trust, community provider, or voluntary sector organisation). 	<p>The ICB does not hold this information. This information will sit within the provider organisations which employ Consultant Palliative Medicine Doctors or District Nurses. Please see above.</p>
<p>2. Hospice Provision and Funding within Your ICB Region</p> <p>For each hospice provider located in your ICB area and funded or commissioned during the relevant period, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of inpatient hospice beds (or equivalent bed capacity); • The total annual funding provided to each hospice; • The nature of the funding arrangement (e.g. block contract, grant, or other). 	<p><u>ICB Response</u></p> <p>Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB have historically provided a grant contribution to service provision within our Hospice providers including inpatient beds. The number of beds is not specified by the ICB.</p> <p>Please see the table below detailing finance for Hospice providers which are based with Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB region</p> <p>From 1st April 2025 Hospices will be funded via an NHS Standard Contract.</p> <p>Prior to this, Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB have had grant agreements in place with each Hospice provider.</p>

<p>3. Service Notifications Since April 2024 Since 1 April 2024, have any hospice or palliative care providers operating within your ICB region formally notified the ICB of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reductions in service provision; • Inpatient bed closures; • Staffing reductions or redundancies; • Changes to community-based palliative care provision. 	<p>Yes. St Giles In November 2024 St Giles notified key Stakeholders including Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB of some proposed changes. These changes resulted in 21 members of staff leaving through redundancy Several other colleagues resigned.</p> <p>St Giles confirmed that they would continue to operate 12 specialist palliative care beds and 3 end of life care beds with no reduction. The Hospice reported that they would cease to offer Continuing Health Care beds and Accelerated Discharge beds (Accelerated Discharge beds were temporary beds funded as a pilot).</p> <p>St Giles also notified SSOT ICB of the consolidation of community care provision. Specifically, combining their Advice and Referral Centre, Hospice at Home, Respite and Community nursing services.</p>
<p>4. Additional Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has hospice funding for 2024/25 been increased, reduced, or maintained at the same level as in previous years? Please provide details. 	<p>During 2024/25 – Hospice funding increased. Hospices received a 1.7% uplift in funding.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has your ICB undertaken or commissioned any review, mapping exercise, or needs assessment of palliative and end-of-life care services within your region in the past five years? If so, I would be grateful to receive a copy or summary of any findings. 	<p>Staffordshire and Stoke- on-Trent ICB conducted a Needs assessment to inform the development of an All-age Palliative and End of Life Strategy. The Strategy will be published w/c 5th May – to coincide with Dying Matters Week. The needs assessment is included in the appendices of the Strategy</p>

Question 2 Total Hospice Funding of Hospices located within the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB

Hospices	FY 24.25	FY 23.24	FY 22.23	FY 21.22	FY 20.21	FY 19.20	FY 18.19
ST GILES HOSPICE	1,976,064.00	1,955,797.00	1,976,177.15	2,286,065.58	1,957,759.80	1,798,705.72	1,700,990.64
KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE	1,312,741.82	1,290,328.00	1,287,820.47	1,634,474.97	1,432,086.06	1,304,924.95	1,094,749.64
DOUGLAS MACMILLAN HOSPICE	3,310,744.00	3,124,313.00	3,071,662.00	3,759,954.75	3,081,856.00	2,843,634.00	191,660.00

Source – ICB Finance Records (these are only required to be held for 6 years)

Provider	16/17	17/18
ST GILES HOSPICE	1,413,645	1,413,645
KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE	957,200	957,285
DOUGLAS MACMILLAN HOSPICE	144,328	144,328

Source: Value in grant documentation.

To request an internal review

You can request an internal review by contacting the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB FOI team by emailing; staffsstokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk or by post to the address at the top of this letter within 40 working days of the initial response.

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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Yours sincerely

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