

Our Ref: PW/TLR/FOI/0325/1247

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Dear

**FOI-0325/1247**

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

Thank you for your request for information received on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

***May I please ask for the following information under the FOI act.***

**1. Does your ICB have an executive board or committee where health research strategy is set? e.g. a Research and Innovation Board or other relevant high-level board.**

Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICS are delighted to have a research and innovation strategy developed with Staffordshire and Shropshire Health Economy Research Partnership (SSHERPa) partners. SSHERPa is the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICS and Shropshire Telford and Wrekin ICS Health and Care Partnership which draws together our region's NHS, university, local authority, National Institute for Health and Care Research CRN West Midlands, Health Innovation West Midlands, voluntary and community sector partners to drive collaborative research in our region.

**2. If yes, is there a PPIE (patient public involvement engagement) representative on this board with the specific remit to provide insights into research agenda setting from the perspective of a patient with lived experience of health issues or as a member of the public/community? [I am not referring to the presence of a lay chair].**

Yes, there is.

**3. Is there a PPIE advisory structure (e.g. board, committee, panel) which provides PPIE insights to inform the work of the executive board? (not within individual study groups- I refer to high level feedback into your research strategy meetings).**

The ICB has the People and Communities Assembly, which advises the ICB on its approach to engaging with the public and this would apply to research.

**4. Is there a PPIE representative on medical specialty specific boards e.g women's health?**

The ICB have PPIE representatives on some of the portfolios i.e. Musculoskeletal (MSK) and for maternity on the Local Maternity Neonatal Services (LMNS), but these are not necessarily designated roles.

**5. If yes to question 2, 3 or 4, please provide the most recent minutes/agenda with a list of members with designated roles/remits (not names).**

These are not designated roles.

**6. Are PPIE representatives remunerated?**

Our representatives are reimbursed under our policy for out-of-pocket expenses.

**7. Do you require PPIE representatives to do any training? If yes, please specify e.g. NIHR training or in house-training.**

No, we do not.

**8. I realise that some of this information may already be available. However, I was unable to locate it. So, if it is, please provide me with a link to the data.**

N/A.

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 ICB FOI team by emailing; [staffsstokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk](mailto: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:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
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Yours sincerely

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