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Dear

FOI-0424-813

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 19th April 2024. 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:

We are seeking to improve the national referral pathways and network for adult patients with neuromuscular spastic disorders and orthopaedic surgical needs.

Please could you inform us on local ICB compliance with NICE guidelines NG119, Cerebral Palsy in Adults <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng119>, specifically with regards to the orthopaedic services as summarised here.

Please inform us the location of the services highlighted in yellow and any pathways relevant to the guidelines.

Access to services

1.1.1 Refer adults with cerebral palsy to a multidisciplinary team experienced in the management of neurological impairments if:

- their ability to carry out their usual daily activities deteriorates or
- a neurosurgical or orthopaedic procedure is being considered that may affect their ability to carry out their usual daily activities.

1.1.3 Commissioners and service providers should develop pathways that allow adults with cerebral palsy access to a local network of care that includes:

- orthopaedic surgery (and post-surgery rehabilitation)

1.1.4 Ensure that adults with cerebral palsy, their families and carers, and their primary care teams are provided with **information about their local network of specialist services.**

1.2.19 Provide **information on accessible local services** that support people with cerebral palsy to take part in physical activity.

1.2.20 Consider referring people with cerebral palsy to services with experience and expertise in neurological impairments that can provide **support with physical activities (including sport) and tasks of daily living.** Depending on local service provision and the person's needs, this may be to any of the following services:

- **physiotherapy**
- **occupational therapy**
- **orthotic and functional electronic stimulation services**
- **rehabilitation engineering services**
- **wheelchair services.**

Orthopaedic surgery

1.2.21 If people with cerebral palsy have problems participating in physical activities because of pain or joint problems that do not respond to any other treatments, consider referring them to a **musculoskeletal specialist or an orthopaedic surgeon with experience and expertise in managing musculoskeletal problems in adults with cerebral palsy.**

1.4 Assessment and monitoring of clinical complications and comorbidities.

Disorders caused by abnormal musculoskeletal development.

Refer adults with cerebral palsy to a **specialist orthopaedic or musculoskeletal service** if a bone or joint disorder is suspected and causing pain or affecting posture or function.

Please be advised that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB does not hold this information. Information regarding care and support for people living with cerebral palsy should be requested from the following Providers as they support the majority of our patient population:

University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust

<https://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/contact-us/>

University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Trust

<https://www.uhdb.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information-foi/>

Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust

<https://www.royalwolverhampton.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/>

Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust
<https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-information>

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
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely

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