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Dear

FOI-02-270

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request dated the 27th February 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:

I am writing to you on behalf of The Migraine Trust to request the following information about migraine care under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We are asking all Integrated Care Systems about the care, planning and professional training to support people experiencing migraine, in order to inform our campaigning and understanding of this issue. The attached Excel spreadsheet includes the questions and space for your response. I have also included the questions below but would be grateful if you could respond in the Excel template.

Section 1: Commissioning and care planning

- 1. (a) Within the past year, have you reviewed or found opportunities for improvement in pathways and care for headache and migraine?**
- 1. (b) (i) If yes, what did this review find?**
- 1. (b) (ii) If no, what has prevented this so far?**
- 1. (c) Do you have any plans to implement the findings of the optimum clinical pathway for adults for Headache & facial pain published by the National Neurosciences Advisory Group (NNAG) in February 2023?**

- 2. (a) Have you reviewed the migraine needs of your local population (e.g. numbers of people living with migraine who are diagnosed and not yet diagnosed) and planned services to meet these needs (e.g. by offering opportunities for training in migraine management to GPs, as well as adequate access to secondary and tertiary specialists)**

2. (b) If not, are there plans to do so?
3. (a) Do you plan to appoint a Migraine/Headache Lead in your area (e.g. to coordinate migraine care, share guidelines among colleagues, or lead needs assessments, service development and health care professional education across the area)?
3. (b) If not, are there alternative arrangements in place to coordinate migraine care?

Section 2: Specialist headache clinics

4. (a) Do you have specialist headache clinics in Trusts within your ICS area?
4. (b) (i) If yes, please give details
4. (b) (ii) If no, please give details of the clinic(s) Trusts in your area would refer out to.

Section 3: Training

5. (a) Do you have any education or training programmes with GPs or pharmacists in your area on migraine? (E.g. regarding GP/pharmacy education, patient management in the community, patient information or referral pathways)
5. (b) If yes, or if any are planned, please give details.
5. (c) If no, please explain any reasons (e.g. budgets / other priorities / other organisations' responsibility).

Section 4: Inequalities

6. (a) Are you aware of local inequalities of access to headache specialist services amongst any groups (e.g. by gender, ethnicity, disability, socio-economic groups)?
6. (b) If yes, please give details of the inequalities and any work you are doing or planning to address this.

Please find [attached excel spreadsheet detailing information requested](#).

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:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Yours sincerely



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