

Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI-07-469

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Sent by email

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Dear

FOI-07-469

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 18th July 2023. 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:

I am writing to you today to request information about the harmonisation of varicose veins policies workstream. Specifically, I would like to know who is responsible for aligning the CCG policies into 1 ICB policy, what their contact address and email is, and the current status of the workstream please.

I am interested in this information so that the correct person can receive a letter via email from the Vascular and Venous All- Party Parliamentary group with regards to a more consistent approach to commissioning policies.

Please be advised that the process of aligning the Policies is complete within Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, therefore there is not an individual lead. However, the Individual Funding Team or Patient Services can support queries depending on where they originate from. Contact details as below:

Individual Funding Team
Ifteam@nhs.net

Patient Services
PatientServices@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk

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
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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