



Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI-03-311

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Dear

FOI-03-311

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 27th March 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:

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I am concerned that information passed back to Local Surgery (Loomer Road) has not been actioned by the CQC responsible for monitoring adequate care in the NHS system.

My First question is:

- 1. What action was taken by the CQC to investigate complaints I have made regarding Medical Treatment?**

The ICB do not hold this information.

- a) How did the Newcastle North CCG agree to a PCN set up which covered areas in Stoke-on-Trent and Newcastle together under the banner of the ABC Group prior to the integrated Care Board set up?**

Please be advised that a Panel agreed the Primary Care Networks which was then ratified at the Primary Care Commissioning Committee.

The Primary Care Network Applications Panel was held on the 17th May 2019 with the following representatives:

Executive Director of Primary Care, Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent CCGs
Local Medical Committee (LMC) representatives
Head of Primary Care, Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent CCGs
Primary Care Leads, Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent CCGs
Head of Primary Care, NHS England
Lay Members, Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent CCGs
EPCC Programme Director, Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust (MPFT)

The decision was ratified at Primary Care Commissioning Committee (PCCC) on the 4th June 2019. Please see link to the former CCG website where a copy of the minutes can be found: [\[ARCHIVED CONTENT\] Primary Care Commissioning Committee \(nationalarchives.gov.uk\)](#)

- b) **The Loomer Medical Group is quoted as saying that each of its surgeries operates with PPG Support when in fact the Reginald Mitchell Group (including Water Hayes Surgery) is the only one with a written Constitution that has been submitted to the CCG some years ago. Does the CCG or Loomer Medical have any evidence to the contrary. Do they also have any evidence that Meetings have taken place between any other so called PPG Members throughout the Loomer Group.**

The ICB do not hold this information.

2. **Contained in the Loomer Website is a reference to the PCN which they say involves Surgeries in the Stoke-on-Trent area, namely: Haymarket, Goldenhill, Middleport, Longton and Hartshill under the blanket heading ABC Group. Is there any reference by the Newcastle North CCG of an agreement that these Surgeries agreed to be covered in this way. (Note) Any NHS Payments were to be managed into the ABC Account (Dr Aw Director)?**

Please see 1a above.

3. **Received today 22nd March 2023, I have had a letter from the ICB advising me that my local Surgery is being closed on the 31/03/2023 as they say it does not meet Social Distance Guidelines and is not considered Fit for Purpose to deliver modern Primary Care Medical Services. My question is which responsible body has come to this conclusion and what report exists to substantiate the statement.**

The decision was made by the Primary Care Forum (PCF) of the ICB. Please see attached an extract of the minutes of the PCF.

- a) **Information regarding unsatisfactory Practise delivered by Loomer Road Surgeries was submitted to Healthwatch to raise concerns, is there any evidence that these problems were raised and discussed with the CCG or CQC in place at the time? What evidence exists that any form of consultation was received by the NHS Intergrated Care Board and Loomer Medical Group that Patients wishes were listened to in the process of combining Surgeries into The Loomer Medical Partnership?**

The ICB do not hold this information.

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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Yours sincerely

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