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Dear

**FOI-0324-758**

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

Thank you for your request for information received on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 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:

**I would like to make a formal request under the Freedom of Information Act.**

**I am researching the impact of General Practice locally enhanced service incentive schemes (e.g. for the management of long term conditions, targeting of specific patient cohorts or admission avoidance) across Greater Manchester.**

**Please can you provide the answers to the following questions:**

- 1. Does the ICS / former CCGs offer a locally enhanced service incentive scheme (e.g. for the management of long term conditions, targeting of specific patient cohorts or admission avoidance) to your GP practices, or has a scheme of this nature been offered in the last five years?**

Yes, the ICB (and former CCGs) offer locally enhanced service incentive schemes for all practices:

- Quality Improvement Framework (QIF) for 2023/2024 for Stoke on Trent ICB sub location and a separate QIF scheme for practices in the five other Staffordshire ICB sub locations. There is also a Facilitation of Admission Avoidance (FAAs) scheme that is just for Stoke-on-Trent and North Staffordshire ICB sub locations.
- Quality Improvement Framework (QIF) for 2022/2023 for Stoke-on-Trent CCG and a separate QIF scheme for practices in the five other Staffordshire CCGs. There is also a Facilitation of Admission Avoidance (FAAs) scheme that is just for Stoke-on-Trent and North Staffordshire CCGs.

- Quality Improvement Framework (QIF) for 2021/2022 for Stoke-on-Trent CCG and a separate QIF scheme for practices in the five other Staffordshire CCGs. There is also a Facilitation of Admission Avoidance (FAAs) scheme that is just for Stoke on Trent and North Staffs CCGs.
  - Quality Improvement Framework (QIF) for 2020/2021 for Stoke-on-Trent CCG and a separate QIF scheme for practices in the five other Staffordshire CCGs. Elderly Care Facilitator Local Improvement Scheme (two year scheme for 2019/2020 and 2020/2021).
  - Quality Improvement Framework (QIF) for 2019/2020 for Stoke-on-Trent and North Staffordshire. Membership Agreement local incentive scheme for each of the four other CCGs. Elderly Care Facilitator Local Improvement Scheme (two year scheme for 2019/2020 and 2020/2021).
- 2. If so, please can you provide the scheme documentation shared with GP practices, or details of all the components of the scheme, such as:**
- a) The specific measure (e.g. Diabetes 8 Care Processes)**
  - b) The patient cohort (e.g. patients currently diagnosed with Diabetes)**
  - c) The payment mechanism (e.g. payment per patient, achievement of a lower or upper threshold, or target)**
  - d) The funding allocated to the measure (e.g. £1 per head of population, £1 per 1000 Diabetic patients)**

Copies of the specifications that have been shared with GP Practices are provided in the attached zipped file. These provide details for a-d i.e. specific measure, patient cohort, payment mechanism and funding allocated.

- 3. If locally enhanced service incentive schemes are not provided, does the ICS / former CCGs have a scheme that supported GP practices with additional funding, or has a scheme of this nature been offered in the last five years?**

Not applicable – details of Locally Enhanced Service Incentive Schemes are provided as attached.

- 4. If so, please can you provide the details of this scheme?**

Not applicable – details of Locally Enhanced Service Incentive Schemes are provided as attached.

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](mailto: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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