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Dear

**FOI-0325/1219**

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

Thank you for your request for information received on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025. 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.

- ***How are ICBs / ICSs prioritising lipid management for secondary prevention patients?***

During 24/25 the ICB had a Quality Improvement Framework (QIF) incentive scheme with all General Practices in the ICB. One of the indicators in the framework supported achievement of indicator CHOL004 of NHSE's Quality Outcome Framework 24/25 <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/PRN01104-Quality-and-outcomes-framework-guidance-for-2024-25.pdf> - CHOL004. Percentage of patients on the QOF Coronary Heart Disease (CHD), Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD), or Stroke/ Transient Ischaemic Attack (TIA) Register, who have a recording of LDL (Low-density Lipoprotein) cholesterol in the preceding 12 months that is 2.0 mmol/L or lower or where LDL cholesterol is not recorded a recording of non HDL (High-density Lipoprotein) cholesterol in the preceding 12 months that is 2.6 mmol/L or lower. This indicator is not part of QIF 25/26.

- ***How are ICBs / ICSs tracking performance and what are the key metrics being used?***

CHOL004 is the key metric and data is gathered through QOF arrangements: NHSE Quality Outcome Framework (QOF) 25/26: [NHS England » Quality and Outcomes Framework guidance for 2025/26](#). Online database has been developed to find results [Quality and Outcomes Framework \(QOF\) online database - NHS England Digital](#)

- ***Who is responsible in the ICB / ICS for leading / performance tracking?***

For QIF scheme the Senior Primary Care Delivery Manager leads on performance tracking for CHOL004 indicator.

- ***How are ICBs / ICSs aligning to the recently published operational planning guidance and what is being included in system level plans?***

The planning process for 2025/26 has ensured ICB/ICS alignment with national priorities and operational planning guidance. Each national priority in the guidance is aligned to one of the portfolios or enabling workstreams, and where appropriate individual providers which make up the architecture for the system/ICB. The plan includes the national priorities covering reduction in the time people wait for elective care, improving A&E waiting times and ambulance response times, improving access to general practice and urgent dental care; improving mental health and learning disability care.

- **How are these priorities being adhered to at the local level?**  
Primary Care Team will be ensuring Primary Care Networks are delivering requirements in the Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service (DES) that focuses on CVD prevention and diagnosis [NHS England » Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service \(DES\)](#).
- **Have ICSs had funding in the past? If so, where did this come from (NHSE, ICB, industry etc.) and what was it used to deliver?**  
“The ICB has not received funding specifically ring fenced for these services but from a macro perspective ICBs are funded via NHS England by HM Treasury (General Taxation).”
- **What is the plan for 2025 for secondary prevention patients?**  
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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 ICB FOI team by emailing; [staffsstokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk](mailto:staffsstokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk) or by post to the address at the top of this letter within 40 working days of the initial response.

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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