



**Staffordshire and
Stoke-on-Trent**
Integrated Care Board

Our Ref: PW/TLR/FOI/1124/1069

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Sent by email

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Dear

FOI-1124-1069

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on Sunday 17th November 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.

The Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) published its scope of practice guidance for physician associates on 9 October 2024.

I am writing to request:

1) Copies of any internal documents held by your organisation related to the RCGP Scope of Practice Guidance for Physician Associates. This includes but is not limited to: meeting minutes internal reports, discussion papers, risk assessments and briefing documents.

2) Copies of any email correspondence relating to the RCGP Scope of Practice Guidance for Physician Associates, including emails between staff within the ICB and emails exchanged between the ICB and providers.

As the ICB is a commissioning organisation, it does not have any involvement with the Royal College of General Practitioners, these staff are employed by General Practices and not the ICB. Please see link for RCGP guidance; [Physician associates](#)

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 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.

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Yours sincerely

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