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Dear

**FOI/0825/1386**

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

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received on the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025. We can now 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 note the ICBs responses in blue.

- 1. Does this ICB plan to remove the executive role of nurse leader who is a board member (for example, chief nurse, chief nursing officer, nursing director) from its leadership structure in the near future?**
- 2. Has this ICB held discussions about potentially removing the executive role of nurse leader who is a board member (for example, chief nurse, chief nursing officer, nursing director) from its leadership structure in the near future?**
- 3. If yes to question 1 or 2, what is the timescale. Is this likely to happen within the next three months, within the next six months or within the 12 months, or longer?**
- 4. If yes to question 1 or 2, what are the ICB's overriding reasons for removing this senior nursing role from the leadership structure?**
- 5. If yes to question 1 or 2, in the future absence of a senior nurse from the board/executive leadership structure, how does the ICB plan to get advice on nursing matters or input from a nurse on decisions?**
- 6. If yes to question 1 or 2, in the future absence of a senior nurse from the board/executive leadership structure, which role in the ICB will lead on quality, safety and experience?**
- 7. If yes to question 1 or 2, in the future absence of a senior nurse from the board/executive leadership structure, which role(s) in the ICB will lead on safeguarding, CHC and SEND?**

The ICB's future organisational structures have not yet been developed. As such, no decisions have been made that would affect the continuation of the executive nurse leader position within the leadership structure.

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:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

**Head of Governance**