

Our Ref: PW/SJR/FOI/1225/1532

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Sent by email

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Dear

**FOI/1225/1532**

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

Thank you for your email dated 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025 for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We can now confirm that 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 ICBs response is provided below in blue text.

You have requested:

- 1. How many pharmacy pathfinder programmes does the ICB have? Please can you answer this as a number and also list the clinical area of focus for each pathfinder programme and the names of the pharmacists taking part and/or the business names and addresses of the pharmacies taking part.**

We have 5 sites taking part in the programme-

1. Anticoagulation clinic-

Dean & Smedley Ltd, Horninglow Road, Burton upon Trent. The Independent prescribing pharmacist is Kiran Raja.

2. Prescribing for depression / anxiety & talking therapies

Magrath Pharmacy, 68 Caledonian, Glascote Heath, Tamworth.

The Independent prescribing pharmacist is Andrew Magrath.

3. Asylum seeker minor ailment clinic, Pharmacy First +, hypertension prescribing and lipid prescribing

Aldergate Pharmacy, Tamworth.

The Independent Prescribing Pharmacist is Lee Ison.

4. Prescription management & synchronisation

Cornwells Chemist, Great Wyrley.

The Independent Prescribing Pharmacist is Sachin Kapila.

5. Pharmacy First +, hypertension prescribing and lipid prescribing-

Middleport Pharmacy, Middleport, Stoke on Trent.

The Independent Prescribing Pharmacist is Brian Zinyemba

2. **Have you measured the outcomes/successes of the programme so far across the ICB? If so, please share what these outcomes were and what metrics were used.**  
Evaluation has not yet been completed.
3. **How much money in total will you have paid into the pharmacy pathfinder programme since it started to the end date on 31 December 2025? Please break it down by months if possible.**  
The Office of the West Midlands holds all our sites claims data, so it would be best to contact them via email at [nhsbsolicb.pharmacy-westmidlands2@nhs.net](mailto:nhsbsolicb.pharmacy-westmidlands2@nhs.net)
4. **The funding comes to an end on 31 Dec 2025; however NHS England is consulting with the pharmacy negotiator on a national service from April 2026. Will the ICB fund the service between Jan 2016 and end of March 2026?**  
No agreement has yet been put into place for our ICB to add funds for the extension of these services.
5. **Please state how much funding will be allocated to the programme each month between January and March and indicate the difference between current funding and this figure. If at a reduced level, please can you quantify this as a percentage of the current funding level.**  
NHSE are offering £1,500 per site for the 3 month period. I am unable to give a percentage figure based on the current funding as up until now NHSE have paid the sites per session and all sites vary in the total amount of sessions they do.
6. **Why are you stopping or continuing funding for the pharmacy pathfinder programmes?**  
We still haven't confirmed if our ICB will support funding.

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

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