

Our Ref: PW/SJR/FOI/0925/1443

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Sent by email

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Dear

FOI/0925/1443

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your email dated Tuesday 23rd September 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:

I am writing to request a copy of the most recent policy held by Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent ICB regarding excess skin removal procedures (including abdominoplasty, apronectomy, and body contouring).

Specifically, I would like to know:

- 1. Whether these procedures are currently routinely commissioned in our area.**
No, these are excluded procedures. Please see link for the Excluded and Restricted Procedures (ERP) Policy <https://staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk/your-nhs-integrated-care-board/our-publications/governance-handbook/all-policies/commissioning/icb-excluded-and-restricted-procedures-policy-v3-1/?layout=file>.
- 2. The eligibility criteria (e.g., BMI thresholds, weight stability requirements, functional/clinical criteria).**
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- 3. Whether there are any circumstances under which an Individual Funding Request (IFR) may be considered for patients with exceptional clinical need.**
Please refer to the IFR Policy see link staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk/your-nhs-integrated-care-board/our-publications/governance-handbook/all-policies/commissioning/ssot-icb-individual-funding-request-policy/?layout=file

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.

Chair: David Pearson MBE

Interim Chief Executive Officer: Paul Edmondson-Jones

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 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

Yours sincerely

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