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Dear

FOI-0225/1197

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on 24th February 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.

Please could you confirm whether your ICB funds IVF for single women? In addition, what criteria needs to be met by the individual to access IVF?

Patients must meet all eligibility criteria as per section 6 in the policy; one of the criteria is relationship status:

7. Relationship Couples should be in a stable relationship of at least two years duration and should be married, or cohabiting, with each other. Couples should also be seen together within primary, secondary and tertiary services as fertility treatment concerns both partners. The referring clinician must ensure that couples are aware of the implications of IVF treatment and the commitments required before making a referral for assisted conception.

Please refer to pages 11 and 12 of the Commissioning Policy – Assisted Conception for Infertility Version 1.1 – March 2024 which can be found at: [NHS ICB ivf-aligned-policy-v1-1-march-2024](#)

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
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Yours sincerely

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