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Sent by email

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Dear

FOI-1124-1067

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on Thursday 14th 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.

I am emailing on behalf of Fertility Mapper, a platform that helps to empower people on their fertility path by providing high quality information on fertility services available.

We are currently trying to understand which fertility services are available for people on a skilled worker visa who have paid IHS. What is the policy specifically for these people, as it is not included in the general guidelines (attached in this email)?

The Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Assisted Conception policy makes reference to the immigration surcharge (see section 3.2.3 below) and references the [Guidance for NHS service providers on charging overseas visitors in England \(July 2024\)](https://staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk/your-nhs-integrated-care-board/our-publications/governance-handbook/all-policies/commissioning/ivf-aligned-policy-v1-1-march-2024/?layout=default); staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk/your-nhs-integrated-care-board/our-publications/governance-handbook/all-policies/commissioning/ivf-aligned-policy-v1-1-march-2024/?layout=default

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3.2.3. In general, patients who are subject to the immigration surcharge are not eligible for NHS-funded assisted conception services. Providers are expected to comply with government guidance regarding these patients.³

Please also refer to the national guidance document below, which clearly states that assisted conception services are not funded for overseas visitors, even when the immigration health surcharge has been paid.

The National guidance for overseas visitors can be found by clicking the link below:

[NHS-cost-recover-overseas-visitors-guidance-July-2024](#) Page 56, paragraph 218 to 221 explains access to assisted conception services.

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.



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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:

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Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely

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