

Host Commissioner guidelines:

NHS England and NHS Improvement published Host Commissioner guidance in January 2021. This describes a clear expectation that as the local Integrated Care Boards (ICB's) we ensure that we have assurances and maintain effective quality surveillance of all independent hospitals within our geographical boundaries. There are three Independent Hospitals in Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent supporting people with a diagnosis of a Mental Health condition. The hospitals are caring for people who have been placed by many different ICB's into Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent. A list of the hospitals is provided at the end of this page. Whilst the Host Commissioner guidance relates specifically to the quality of care for people with a diagnosis a Learning Disability and/or Autism at NHS Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent ICB we have decided to extend elements of the oversight described by NHS England to all people placed with Mental Health illness in addition to Learning Disability and/or Autism.

At NHS Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent ICB our role as Host Commissioner is to:

- Maintain quality surveillance of our local Independent Hospitals.
- Be the point of contact for all Placing Commissioners in relation to quality assurance queries.
- Collate intelligence and triangulate information to address any quality or safety issues.
- To share and request intelligence across commissioners placing people in our area.
- Triangulating other intelligence that arises from other sources such as stakeholders, 6/8-week checks, Care and Treatment Reviews etc.
- Establishing a formal and collaborative assurance process across placing ICBs and other stakeholders where concerns have been identified.

Reporting safeguarding concerns

We work very closely with our Local Authority Safeguarding Leads to share intelligence about any allegations of abuse or neglect. Should you have any safeguarding concerns or wish to make a safeguarding referral it will be your responsibility as Placing Commissioner to contact the Local Authority. Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Safeguarding teams will also contact you directly should a local Safeguarding concern be raised that involves the person you have placed in Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent.

How to tell us about a concern

It is important that ICB's placing in Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent ICB talk to us about any quality or governance concerns they may identify. This will help us triangulate information and also address any identified concerns as Host Commissioner. We also encourage our independent providers to talk to us about concerns that arise. We ask for any concerns to be sent via nstccg.staffscqsoftintelligence@nhs.net.

Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Independent Hospitals contacts include:

Hospital	Address	Phone number	Organisation
Moorlands Neurological Centre	Lockwood Road, Cheadle, Staffordshire, ST10 4QU	01539 755623	Elysium Health care
Ballington House	Ballington Gardens Leek Staffordshire, ST13 5LW	01538 399796	Elysium Health care
St Augustine's	Cobridge Road, Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire, ST1 5JY	01782 200860	Cygnet
Ivetsey Bank (Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Trust have Commissioning responsibility)	Ivetsey Bank, Wheaton Aston, Staffordshire, ST19 9QT	01785 840000	Active Care Group