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Dear M

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Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request dated the 29th November 2022. We can confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board is able to provide the information that you have requested. Please see our responses in blue below:

1. *Does your ICB gave an inter-organisational group with a responsibility for neurology? (e.g. clinical prioritisation group, clinical reference group)*

The ICB has an ICB Clinical Priorities and Advisory Group (CPAG) which is chaired by a local clinician and is comprised of other clinical and expert members – it considers any specialty including neurology if necessary.

If no, what governance process is in place for decisions relating to neurology pathways?

Any proposals from our local service providers will be considered by the appropriate ICS Portfolio and the ICS clinical senate before being referred to ICB Finance and Performance (F&P) Committee. Proposals could also come through the ICB CPAG and then through to Clinical Senate and ICB F&P Committee.

2. *Is there a person with responsibility for migraine and headache services?*

No, we do not have a single person responsible for migraine and headache services at the ICB.

If yes, what is there name and role?

No as above.

3. *What is the name and job title of the individual responsible for leading the group?*

- a) ICB lead
- b) Primary care lead
- c) Secondary care lead

Not applicable as we do not have a dedicated group.

4. *What is the name and job title of the individual responsible for overseeing the set of inter-organisational groups across your ICB (e.g. Clinical Prioritisation Group, Clinical Reference Group)?*

Dr Paul Edmondson-Jones, ICB Chief Medical Officer.

Chair: Prem Singh

Interim Chief Executive Officer: Peter Axon

5. *If an inter-organisational group with a responsibility for neurology exists, which organisations are members of this group?*

- a) *Acute providers*
- b) *Community providers*
- c) *Voluntary and Charity*
- d) *Primary care*
- e) *Other*

Primary Care, Medicines Optimisation and Public Health are represented in CPAG (which is not specific to neurology but considers the clinical evidence base for all specialities. Secondary care, primary care, public health and social care are represented in the Clinical Senate.

6. *Does your ICB have a budget specifically allocated to neurology?*

There is no budget specifically allocated to neurology.

If yes, what is the value of this budget?

Not applicable, there is no budget.

7. *What is the name of the ICB's Chief Pharmacist?*

The ICB does not have a Chief Pharmacist, we will be advertising for one in the New Year.

What is the name of the medicines management / high-cost drugs Lead?

The ICB's lead for Medicines Management is Amin Mitha

8. *How does your ICB make decisions around ICS budgets to determine how to invest and who is responsible for this?*

We agree our overarching financial plan annually through an iterative process involving key stakeholders while also taking account of any plus any specific allocations received during any given financial year. We do not commission activity speciality by specialty but agree an overarching sum for each stakeholder within which they provide the services that are needed.

What is the name of the person responsible for service transformation and contracting primary care providers?

Chris Bird, Chief Transformation Officer.

9. *What forums do you have for primary and secondary care to collaborate and design services around population needs?*

We have seven ICS Portfolios, which all involve primary and secondary care. We also have a Provider Collaborative which has both primary and secondary care present. We are currently establishing two "Place Boards" – one for Stoke-on-Trent and one for Staffordshire, which will both have primary and secondary care involvement. Finally, we have this level of involvement at the Clinical Senate.

10. What, if any, specific priorities do the ICB have around neurology, and migraine in particular?

None at present.

11. Are there any examples of any Integrated Care Partnerships, Primary Care Networks or Provider Collaborations in your ICB who have focused on reviewing pathways relating to migraine and headache?

There is a small group currently looking at Gammacore for cluster headaches following the release of NICE MTG and potentially developing a commissioning policy to support this. This is work in progress.

12. What governance process does the ICB have in place for reviewing clinical pathways?

All proposals for reviewing clinical pathways would go through the ICS Portfolio Group, the Provider Collaboratives and/or through CPAG could also come through the ICB CPAG and then would all route through to Clinical Senate and ICB F&P Committee.

13. What is the name and job title of the individual(s) accountable for the effectiveness of clinical pathways?

Dr Paul Edmondson-Jones, ICB Chief Medical Officer.

14. What is the name and job title of the individual(s) accountable for the redesign of pathways?

There is no one individual accountable for the redesign of pathways.

Right of Appeal

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 Integrated Care Board FOI team setting out your reasons for a review, by emailing the team at StaffsStokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk or by post to the address at the top of this letter.

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.



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