

Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI-06-406

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Dear

FOI-06-406

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 8th June 2023. 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 see our responses in blue below:

In light of the Health and Care Act 2022 and the statutory responsibility for Integrated Care Boards (ICB) to arrange for the provision of palliative care for your population, we request the following information regarding Palliative and End of Life Care (PEoLC) in general, and charitable Hospice services in particular, within your system.

- 1. Where does Palliative, End of Life Care and / or 'Dying Well' specifically feature in your overall planning documents?**
Please choose one or more of the following and include the document link or attachment and the reference to section or pages where it is significantly mentioned:
 - a. Integrated Care Strategy (or Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy)**
 - b. Five-year Joint Forward Plan**
 - c. in draft or under discussion – please specify where**
 - d. not specifically mentioned**
 - e. other – please specify what**
- 2. Where are the PEoLC specific strategies or plans within your system?**
Please choose one or more of the following and include the document link or attachment:
 - a. System level PEoLC strategy or plan**
 - b. all Places within the system have a Place level PEoLC strategy or plan**

- c. some Places within the system have a Place level PEOLC strategy or plan
- d. in draft or under discussion – please specify where
- e. no PEOLC specific strategies or plans
- f. other – please specify what

3. Where are strategic decisions made in your system regarding PEOLC planning and funding?

Please choose one or more of the following and include links or an attachment showing the relevant governance structures:

- a. PEOLC is a named ICB sub-committee or sub-group
- b. PEOLC decisions are made at one or more ICB sub-committee or sub-group with a wider remit (please name the sub-committee or sub-group and its remit)
- c. PEOLC is a named ICP or Joint Health and Wellbeing Board sub-group
- d. PEOLC decisions are taken at our Regional NHS England PEOLC Strategic Clinical Network (SCN)
- e. PEOLC decisions are delegated to Place-based ICB structures (please show where in their governance structures)
- f. PEOLC decisions are delegated to provider alliances (please state which ones)
- g. There are PEOLC discussion groups / alliances but they are not formally linked to the ICS decision making structure
- h. other – please specify where

4. How are charitable Hospice providers involved in PEOLC planning and decision-making in your system?

Please choose one or more of the following:

- a. member of ICB Board
- b. member of ICP Board
- c. member of Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) alliance represented on ICB / ICP Boards
- d. member of relevant sub-committee or sub-group
- e. member of relevant Place-based structure or alliance (please state which ones)
- f. member of PEOLC discussion group / alliance
- g. engaged via community outreach
- h. consulted on proposals as and when
- i. not involved
- j. other – please specify how

5. The [NHS England PEOLC statutory guidance](#) is based upon the [Ambitions for PEOLC Framework](#). What level have your ICB or Places [self-assessed](#) against these 6 ambitions?

Please include the self-assessment link or attachment:

- a. between levels 0 and 2
- b. mostly level 3
- c. between levels 4 and 5
- d. we are planning to start self-assessment (please state when)
- e. we haven't done any self-assessment
- f. other – please specify

6. Where are charitable Hospice provider contracts held within your system?

Please only consider contracts with charitable Hospices not NHS Trust provided hospices, but please include both adult and children's hospices:

- a. all hospice contracts are held by the ICB
- b. some hospice contracts are held by the ICB and some by Place-based ICB structures or provider alliances
- c. all hospice contracts are held by Place-based ICB structures
- d. all hospice contracts are held by provider alliances
- e. other – please specify what

7. What types of contracts do you use with charitable Hospice providers?

Please choose one or more of the following:

- a. NHS standard contract (full length)
 - i. Is it annual or multi-year
 - ii. Is it block or bed / activity-based funding
 - iii. Does it include risk sharing around activity thresholds
- b. NHS standard contract (short form)
 - i. Is it annual or multi-year
 - ii. Is it block or bed / activity-based funding
 - iii. Does it include risk sharing around activity thresholds
- c. grant or service level agreement – block funding
- d. grant or service level agreement – bed / activity-based funding
- e. fast-track continuing healthcare funding
- f. continuing care funding (children)
- g. other – please specify what

8. What was the total value of all these charitable Hospice contracts for 2022-2023?

- a. for adult services
- b. for children and young people's services

9. What uplift percentage did you apply to these contracts in April 2022? Did all charitable Hospices receive it?

Did you pass on the additional 1.7% uplift (as per this [NHSE letter](#)) in July 2022?

Did all charitable Hospices receive it?

What uplift percentage are you applying to these contracts in April 2023?

10. Do you have a shared care record or shared care plans across your ICS or Places?

If so, do charitable Hospices have access to it?

Please choose one for shared care records and one for shared care plans

- a. shared care record – hospices are included**
- b. shared care record – hospices are not included (please state which providers are and whether there are plans for expansion)**
- c. there are no shared care records**

- d. shared care plans (urgent or end of life) – hospices are included**
- e. shared care plans (urgent or end of life) – hospices are not included (please state which providers are and whether there are plans for expansion)**
- f. there are no shared care plans**
- g. other – please specify what**

[Please find attached a spreadsheet detailing the information requested.](#)

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 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.

The ICO can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely

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