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Dear

FOI-05-379

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 15th May 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:

FOI request for new information on Integrated Care Board commissioning of pathways for the detection and management of liver disease in primary care.

We request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act. We are requesting a response to the attached survey questions: British Liver Trust Primary Care Pathway Survey ICB FINAL.

Prescribed information

The British Liver Trust is the UK's leading liver health charity, working to improve liver health for all and supporting those affected by liver disease and liver cancer.

One of our key campaigns is to advocate for the adoption of full patient care pathways for the early diagnosis of liver disease – [make early diagnosis of liver disease routine](#). To do this, we need to understand the extent of Integrated Care Board guidance and commissioning of effective pathways for the early detection of liver disease in primary care.

In August 2020, we conducted our first survey of Clinical Commissioning Groups to capture the state of liver disease pathways across the UK and [published our finding](#). The finding showed only 26% of areas had a commissioned pathway in place, for the detection and management of liver disease in primary care. Since NHS commissioning in England has changed from Clinical Commissioning Groups to Integrated Care Boards and a reasonable period has elapsed, we are now surveying all Integrated Care Boards

to understand the current state of liver disease pathways and to examine whether progress has been made across the UK over the last 3 years.

Please find attached the completed Survey as requested, together with a copy of the North Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Liver Pathway.

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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