

Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI-01-229

6th February 2023

Stafford Education & Enterprise Park
Weston Road
Stafford
ST18 0BF

Sent by email

Telephone: 0300 123 1461

Dear

FOI-01-229

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request dated the 20th January 2023. We can confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board does hold some of the information that you have requested. Please see our responses in blue below:

We would like to make the following FOI request to your organisation please:

Background

We are conducting research into the types of care providers that are being used to provide services to Children & Young People (CYP) across England, and as such, we are looking to collate a national list of care providers that are currently being used across the 42 ICBs for these services, as well as information as to how these services are currently being commissioned.

The cohorts of Children & Young People (CYP) who this research relates to is those who have a complex physical disability, learning disability, mental health needs and/or end-of-life needs. These CYP may require packages of care and support in their own home or other community settings, e.g., hospice/step-down, foster care arrangements. In addition, this includes children who are placed in residential and therapeutic settings, assisted/supported living (which are contracted by LA's). In the majority, the CYP will have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and require an Education and Health Care Plan.

FOI Questions

1. How are Children & Young People (CYP) services commissioned for those who have complex health needs in your area? (as defined within Background). Please answer against the categories listed in the below, where applicable. Example answers for the type of procurement model include: Operate a Framework, Operate a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS), Spot Purchasing, Preferred Provider, Block Contract, No formal process.

Organisation type	Who leads on the procurement	Type of procurement model in use	Link (if applicable)
E.g., answer ICB/ICS	Joint procurement across ICB and LA	Framework	Insert link to Framework details (www.)
E.g., answer Education	Education	No formal process	N/A
E.g., answer LA	Joint procurement across ICB and LA	Framework	Insert link to Framework details (www.)
ICB/ICS			
Education			
Local Authority			

The ICB uses a range of procurement routes in line with Public Contract Regulations 2015. There is no mandated or single approach.

2. Please complete as much of the table within the attached spreadsheet as possible, contained on the 2nd tab. We would like to know the names of the care providers that are currently being used to deliver services to the Children & Young People (CYP) cohort described in the Background. To support with identifying a national list of care providers for this cohort, we also require details about the type of provider. Reference points such as the provider postcode and CQC Location ID (if it is a CQC registered service) have been requested to allow for the providers to be identified in a consistent and accurate manner across ICBs/ICSs. The 3rd tab contains a Key which provides further explanation to some of the columns, alongside possible examples. Please note that the examples are not an exhaustive list. If it is not possible to populate this template within the FOI time allowance, yet the data is recorded in an alternative spreadsheet form, please provide this.

Please find attached completed spreadsheet as requested. This has been completed with the known information available to the ICB. For any packages / placements where the ICB agrees a contribution via the complex case / tripartite panels (Local Authority led), the Local Authority lead on the procurement / commissioning / contracting of such packages / placements on behalf of the ICB. Any request for further information would need to be made directly to the Local Authority.

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:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

Paul Winter
Associate Director of Corporate Governance