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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Kent and Medway STP.

You asked:

- 1. Why have you no clearly identified references to your duties under the Freedom of Information Act?*
- 2. In the light of the comments attributed to Patricia Davies on BBC South East, please supply me with the briefing provided to her in advance of this programme and*
- 3. Please provide me with the FULL report on public consultation from which she took her statement.*

STP response:

Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding to you. Please see the answers to your questions below.

Question: Why have you no clearly identified references to your duties under the Freedom of Information Act?

Answer: The Kent and Medway Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) is not a statutory organisation, but a partnership arrangement between commissioner and provider organisations and local authorities in Kent and Medway. As such, it does not have the same statutory duties under the Freedom of Information Act in its own right, however, we do have a section on the website relating to Freedom of Information: <https://kentandmedway.nhs.uk/stp/freedom-of-information/> which sets out how people can request information under the Act. In terms of governance and processes, the STP is hosted by Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust who handle Freedom of Information Act requests about the STP and its work programmes.

We release information on a wide variety of subjects on a regular basis and we respond to queries, emails and correspondence that come to us via our website, through the dedicated email addresses, by letter and telephone. As a result of your question, we will make sure that the website includes an explanation of the STP's status.

Question: In the light of the comments attributed to Patricia Davies on BBC South East, please supply me with the briefing provided to her in advance of this programme

Answer: In advance of her television appearance, Patricia Davies had a verbal briefing meeting with colleagues from the stroke review programme based on the materials and key findings of the stroke review and consultation, all of which are available on our website at:

<https://kentandmedway.nhs.uk/stroke/>

Question: Please provide me with the FULL report on public consultation from which she took her statement.

Answer: We published two reports on the public consultation in June, one looking at the consultation activity that we have undertaken and the other from an independent research and analysis company, analysing the themes, feedback and insights that we gathered during the consultation. Both are available to view here: <https://kentandmedway.nhs.uk/stroke/reports/>

Thank you for the interest you have shown in the stroke review.

Yours sincerely,

The Stroke Review Team