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Dear

FOI-0124-672

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 11th January 2024. 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:

We are hoping to find out the amount of money that is being spent on paying for beds in private mental health hospitals in an ad-hoc fashion due to NHS bed pressures.

We are interested in data from the 2022/2023 financial year, and will be enquiring about the figures in different subspecialties (for example General Adult, CAMHS etc).

Please can you tell me:

- 1. Is this information held by the integrated care board, or should we approach mental health NHS trusts directly?**

The ICB holds the information on finances for independent sector beds for PICU and general adult Mental Health inpatient. For CAMHS please contact NHS England, for Mental Health rehab beds please contact North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust. Contact details below:

NHS England

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/contact-nhs-improvement/how-make-freedom-information-foi-or-subject-access-request/>

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust

<https://www.combined.nhs.uk/get-in-touch/freedom-of-information/>

2. What is the terminology used for this out-of-contract spending? We have seen it described in different ways (called ad-hoc spending, or non-contract spending, or unplanned spending). We want to ensure that we are using the correct terminology when we submit FOI requests.

For the ICB non-contracted activity (NCA).

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

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