



**Staffordshire and  
Stoke-on-Trent**  
Integrated Care Board

Our Ref: PW/SJR/FOI/0225/1177

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Sent by email

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Dear

**FOI/0225/1177**

**Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your request for information received on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025. 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.**

- 1. The number of Whole-Time Equivalents (WTE) for Cardiac Physiologists /Clinical Cardiac Scientists currently employed by your Trust in the Echocardiography Department. Please specify the WTE per banding.**
- 2. The number of vacant WTE positions in the Echocardiography Department. Please specify the banding.**
- 3. How many Cardiac Physiologists/Healthcare Scientists got full TTE BSE accreditation in the last 24 months.**
- 4. Do you have any Physiologist-led / Scientist-led services within the Cardiology department? Please specify the services and the staff banding.**
- 5. Do you have any Cardiac Physiologists / Clinical Cardiac Scientists providing paediatric or/and ACHD echocardiograms? Are they congenital heart disease accredited? Please specify the services and the banding.**
- 6. How many Cardiac Physiologists / Clinical Cardiac Scientists resigned from the echocardiography department in the last 24 months.**
- 7. Details of any recruitment and retention premia (R&R) offered for Cardiac Physiologists / Clinical Cardiac Scientists.**
- 8. The number of Cardiac Physiologists / Clinical Cardiac Scientists locums or bank staff hired at a premium rate? (change this to in the last 24 months?)**
- 9. Any outsourced Cardiac Physiologist/Healthcare Scientist services, if applicable. If such services are outsourced, please specify the percentage of echocardiography work outsourced on weekdays and weekends/bank holidays and what is the yearly cost for the echocardiography outsourced services?**

**The ICB do not hold this information. Please redirect your enquiry to the relevant provider trusts:**

**University Hospital North Midlands : [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)**

**University Hospital Derby and Burton : [uhdb.foi@nhs.net](mailto:uhdb.foi@nhs.net)**

**Chair: David Pearson MBE**

**Chief Executive Officer: Peter Axon**

**Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust: [Freedom of Information: Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust](#)**

**North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust: [ts@combined.nhs.uk](mailto:ts@combined.nhs.uk)**

**To request an internal review**

You can request an internal review by contacting the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB FOI team by emailing; [staffsstokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk](mailto:staffsstokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk) or by post to the address at the top of this letter within 40 working days of the initial response.

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.

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The ICO can be contacted at:

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

[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

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