

Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI-01-214

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Dear

FOI-01-214

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request dated the 6th 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:

- A. The expenditure by the ICB and its predecessor Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) on the purchase of cataract operations for the financial years 2018-19; 2019-2020; 2020-21?**
- B. The amount of total expenditure on the purchase of cataract operations by the ICB and its predecessor CCGs from independent non-NHS providers for the financial years 2018-19; 2019-2020; 2020-21.**
- C. The amount of total expenditure on the purchase of cataract operations by the ICB and its predecessor CCGs from NHS Trusts for the financial years 2018-19; 2019-2020; 2020-21.**
- D. The number of cataract operations purchased by the ICB and its predecessor CCGs for the financial years 2018-19; 2019-2020; 2020-21 from a) NHS Trusts b) independent non-NHS providers**

Please see table below which provides the information for questions A to D requested above:

	Sum of Activity		Sum of Total Cost	
	Independent	NHS	Independent	NHS
1819	2,178	7,850	£1,460,048	£5,271,664
1920	2,979	7,106	£2,248,331	£5,299,373
2021	3,872	2,844	£2,106,936	£2,122,979
Grand Total	9,029	17,800	£5,815,315	£12,694,016

E. The source of the referrals for the cataract operations purchased by the ICB and its predecessor CCGs in the independent non-NHS sector the financial years 2018-19; 2019-2020; 2020-21?

We do not have the source of the referrals, therefore are unable to provide this information.

F. (For clarification I am interested in a) the percentage of the referrals for cataract surgery which were made by a GP or by an optometrist b) the company or organisation which made the largest number of referrals for cataract surgery in the independent non-NHS sector for each of the years cited above)?

We do not have the source of the referrals, therefore are unable to provide this information.

G. The source of the referrals for the cataract operations purchased by the ICB and its predecessor CCGs from NHS Trusts for the financial years 2018-19; 2019-2020; 2020-21?

We do not have the source of the referrals, therefore are unable to provide this information.

H. (For clarification I am interested in a) the percentage of the referrals for cataract surgery which were made by a GP or by an optometrist b) the company or organisation which made the largest number of referrals for cataract surgery in the independent non-NHS sector for each of the years cited above)?

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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.



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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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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Yours sincerely

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