

Our Ref: PW/TLR/FOI/0625/1331

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Sent by email

Dear Sir/Madam

FOI/0625/1331

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received on the 23rd June 2025. We can now 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.

I'm getting in touch to ask if you hold any data on waiting times and referral volumes for infants with suspected or confirmed cow's milk protein allergy (CMPA) in your area please. I am aware the referral criteria to paediatric dietetics has recently changed.

In particular, I'd be grateful for any figures on:

- **Average wait times for GP, paediatric consultant, and dietitian appointments**
This data is not routinely reported to the ICB
- **Annual referral numbers for CMPA in under-1s**
Referral numbers specifically for CPMA are not routinely reported to the ICB
- **Any local care pathways or service frameworks in place for CMPA**
The current criteria for CMPA requires - clinicians MUST follow the Milk Allergy in Primary Care (IMAP) guidance <https://gpifn.org.uk/imap/>

Once clinicians have followed the steps outlined in the guidance, referrals are only accepted for Under 1's on a hydrolysed or amino acid formula and/or on milk free diet for longer than 4 weeks who still display one or more of the following:

- Continued poor weight gain
- Screaming, inconsolable despite hydrolysed formula and amino acid formula
- Continued symptoms affecting stools - diarrhoea, mucus, blood despite diet/formula change
- Unresolved or difficult to treat reflux

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 ICB FOI team by emailing; 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.

The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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www.ico.gov.uk

Yours faithfully

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