

Our Ref: FOI/PW/TLR/01/213

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Sent by email

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Dear

FOI/01/213

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request dated the 3rd January 2023. We can confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board does not hold the information that you have requested.

You have requested:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request information with regards to outsourcing of radiology reporting to teleradiology providers for both out-of-hours and routine/elective scans.

Could you please provide the following information regarding your use of teleradiology services:

- 1. Do you currently use teleradiology companies for radiology reporting?***
- 2. Which companies' teleradiology services have you contracted in the last 5 financial years?***
 - a. For each teleradiology company, which service did you utilise them for: routine/elective, day-time urgent or out-of-hours reporting?***
- 3. Over the last 5 financial years (2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2020-21, 2021-22):***
 - a. How many routine/elective CT scans, MRI scans and X-rays were performed each year?***
 - b. How many day-time urgent CT scans, MRI scans and X-rays were performed each year?***
 - c. How many out-of-hours CT scans, MRI scans and X-rays were performed each year?***
 - d. What proportion of routine/elective CT scans, MRI scans and X-rays were outsourced to a teleradiology company for reporting each year?***
 - e. What proportion of day-time urgent CT scans, MRI scans and X-rays were outsourced to a teleradiology company for reporting each year?***
 - f. What proportion of out-of-hours CT scans, MRI scans and X-rays were outsourced to a teleradiology company for reporting each year?***

For your convenience, I have included an excel template for you to fill in.

To obtain this information you will need to contact the relevant trusts. Please see contact information in blue below:

University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust, (which covers; County Hospital, Stafford; Royal Stoke Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent; and North Staffordshire Hospital) contact email for records; foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Royal Wolverhampton Hospital Trust (which covers Cannock Chase Hospital) contact email for records; rwh-tr.foi@nhs.net

Midlands Partnership NHS Trust, contact email for records; FOI@mpft.nhs.uk

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust; FOIRequests@combined.nhs.uk

The University Hospitals of Derby and Burton (Queen's Hospital in Burton, Samuel Johnson Community Hospital in Lichfield and Sir Robert Peel Community Hospital in Tamworth) uhdb.foi@nhs.net

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 setting out your reasons for a review, 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
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www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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