

Our Ref: PW/TLR/FOI/0825/1381

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Sent by email

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Dear

FOI/0825/1381

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 1st August 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.

You requested:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding Lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] testing at your ICB:

- ***Does your ICB currently offer Lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] blood testing? (Yes/No)***
 - ***If yes, please provide the total number of Lp(a) tests requested or performed per year, for the last four financial years (2020–21 to 2023–24), broken down if possible as follows:***
 - ***a. Requested by primary care***
 - ***b. Requested by secondary care (hospital clinics or inpatients)***
 - ***If available, please provide the number of Lp(a) tests that returned a raised result, as defined locally (e.g. >125 nmol/L or >50 mg/dL), per year over the same period.***
 - ***If available, please provide the number of unique patients tested for Lp(a) per year (i.e. not total test counts, but distinct individuals).***
 - ***If Lp(a) testing is not currently available at your ICB, do you refer these tests to an external laboratory or partner organisation? (Yes/No – please specify name of partner if possible)***

Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB commissions pathology, including blood testing, on a fixed, block, bases arrangement from our Acute Trust providers and therefore do not hold this information.

The majority of SSOT patients access one of the following four Acute Trusts, to obtain the information you have requested you will need to re-direct your request to the Trusts:

- University Hospitals of North Midlands (UHNM); foi@uhnms.nhs.uk
- University Hospitals of Derby and Burton (UHDB); uhdb.foi@nhs.net
- Royal Wolverhampton Trust (RWT); rwh-tr.foi@nhs.net
- University Hospital Birmingham (UHB); foi@uhb.nhs.uk

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
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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