



Our Ref: PB/AKB/FOI-07-058

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Sent by email

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Dear

**FOI FOI-07-058:  
Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your request dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022. We can confirm that Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board does hold part of the information that you have requested. Please see our responses in blue below / attached:

Throughout this Freedom of Information request we will refer to axial SpA (to cover the whole spectrum of axial spondyloarthritis including ankylosing spondylitis).

In 2019 the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Axial Spondyloarthritis conducted a national inquiry to map the state of play for axial SpA services in England, measured against the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence [Guideline for Spondyloarthritis NG65](#).

**We are now repeating this inquiry to help us understand the current national picture. We will present the findings at the next APPG meeting in the autumn along with a series of recommendations which we will also publish as a report. We will not be using the results to name and shame any individual ICS.**

In line with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would be very grateful if you were able to provide us with answers to the questionnaire provided included within this Freedom of Information request within 20 working days.

Please find attached the completed questionnaire in respect of Axial Spondyloarthritis as requested.

**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](mailto: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 FOI complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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Cheshire. SK9 5AF  
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Yours sincerely

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