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Dear

FOI/0126/1601

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Further to your email dated Thursday 29th January 2026 for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We can now confirm that 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. The ICBs response is provided below in [blue](#) text.

You have requested:

I am investigating demand for Clinical Wheelchair Services (WCS) across the UK. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000/2002, I would like to request the following information relating to the usage of each of this service in your area of authority.

- a. How is funding and contracting for WCS structured within your ICB – apart from the NHS, are there any other proportion of funding that is supplied by local authorities or other bodies?**

[All funding via SSOT ICB is NHS funding, including Personal Wheelchair Budgets.](#)

- b. What is the total budget allocated for WCS services for the current financial year, and what is the planned budget for the next financial year - if this is not known, can you provide a percentage estimate of whether it will be higher, lower, or unchanged compared with the current budget?**

[The wheelchair service in SSOT is currently subject to an ongoing procurement process, so the values for next year are not yet known \(pending identification of a successful bidder being identified\). The envelope in terms of funding is publicly available via the Find a Tender Gov UK website.](#)

[The budget for services in 2025/26 is £2,852,000 \(inc VAT\).](#)

- c. What was the total expenditure (£) on WCS services for each of the last three financial years?**

[£2,852,000 \(inc VAT\) per year.](#)

- d. **What proportion of expenditure was on outsourced (i.e. independent sector) service providers for each of the last three financial years?**

SSOT wheelchair service is delivered by AJ Mobility Healthcare (AJM). All expenditure is via this contract.

- e. **Which independent providers did you use for WCS services in the last financial year, and what value of total spending was with each provider? For example, NRS Healthcare, Millbrook Healthcare, Ross Care, AJM Healthcare, Blatchford, Opcare.**

As above

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
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Yours sincerely

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