



Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI-08-491

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Sent by email

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Dear

FOI-08-492

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 4th August 2023. We can 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.

Please see our responses in blue below:

I am emailing under the Freedom of Information Act to request information regarding your trust and its use of consulting services.

Can you please provide answers to the questions below:

- 1. For the following financial years, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22, what was the total amount (in) spent by the [Trust/CCG/ICB/NHSE] on consulting services?**
- 2. Could you provide a list of projects/contracts that have been supported/led by a consultancy business for the financial years 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22, detailing the following information for each:**
 - a) The name of the vendor/consulting firm that was awarded the project/contract?**
 - b) The nature of the project/contract (choose from 'Strategy', 'Operations', 'Technology', 'Other', or 'Unknown') ?**
 - c) The value of the project/contract?**

Please be advised that Exemption 21 has been applied to this FOI request as the information is reasonably accessible by other means. Detailed below is the link to the National Archives where the following can be found for the former Clinical Commissioning Groups:

[Cannock Chase CCG](#)
[East Staffordshire CCG](#)

North Staffordshire CCG
South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula CCG
Stafford and Surrounds CCG
Stoke-on-Trent CCG

[Browse our A-Z list of websites - UK Government Web Archive \(nationalarchives.gov.uk\)](https://nationalarchives.gov.uk)

The detail of expenditure on Consultancy can be found within the individual Annual Reports by searching within the documents for 'expenditure on consultancy' within the Staff Report section. It details the company and the amount expended in that financial year.

The Annual Reports can be found following the search function detailed below:

- a. Search under National Health Service – the respective CCGs are named.
- b. Click on the link which will take you to the website.
- c. Click on relevant year i.e. 2015 onwards which will take you to the CCG's main page.
- d. Click on News and Events – Publication Schemes. Scroll down the page on the right hand side which will provide the link to the to the Annual Reports, 30 days of receipt. The information is further broken down between BPC performance against invoices received from Non-NHS suppliers and NHS suppliers.

An extract from Stafford and Surrounds CCG Annual Report is below as an example:

Expenditure on consultancy

The table below details expenditure on consultancy for the financial year 2021/22.

Consultancy Expenditure 2021/22

| Consultancy provision | £000 |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Carnall Farrar Ltd | 7 |
| Chadsmoor ETTF Project | 171 |
| Hunter Healthcare Resourcing | 14 |
| Keigh Communications | 3 |
| Liaison VAT Consultancy | 2 |
| RSM Risk Assurance | 0 |
| Skills For Health | 5 |
| The Knowledge Academy | 11 |
| West Midlands Employers | 11 |
| Maktub Consultancy | 3 |
| TOTAL | 227 |

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 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
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www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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