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Dear Sir/Madam

FOI-03-303

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request dated the 20th March 2023. We can confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board does hold some of the information that you have requested. Please see our responses in blue below:

I would like to understand the impact of inflation on commissioned healthcare services. Please provide me with:

1. Your ICB policy on increasing contract values?

The Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB did not produce or publish a policy for increasing contract values in 2023/2024. The overall financial approach for the ICB was for the system to operation within a zero growth (flat activity, flat cash) approach unless national payment terms were in place for the services delivered within the contract. Where national payment tariff terms applied, or pricing was set out under national terms, changes in prices (incorporating nationally set inflation) was applied to contracts consistently.

2. By what percentage has the ICB increased the value of contracts over the last 12 months?

In line with the approach set out in part one above, the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB did not apply a simple percentage uplift to contracts for 2022/2023.

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

Chair: David Pearson MBE

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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
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Yours sincerely

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