

Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI-04-338

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Sent by email

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Dear

FOI-04-338

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 14th April 2023. We can confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board can provide the following information.

Please see our responses in blue below:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Integrated Care System (ICS). Please may you provide me with the information for the following:

- 1. Has the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Integrated Care Board used any specific criteria and/or formula to determine investment prioritisation within acute services for the NHS financial year 2023/24?**
 - a. Can the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Integrated Care Board disclose the criteria and/or formula used to determine investment prioritisation in acute services for the NHS financial year 2023/24.**

Please be advised that as a system we have an agreed methodology for allocating resource within, which is based on cost base. Contracts for out of system providers are set using the prevailing contracting rules as set by NHS England.

All investments are made based on a specific business case to deliver services, as opposed to a formula driven approach. This applies to all aspects of the delivery of health.

- 2. Has the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Integrated Care Board held any formal meetings since July 2022 to discuss the criteria and/or formula used to determine investment prioritisation in acute services?**
 - b. Can the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Integrated Care Board share a copy of the minutes for all meetings which discussed the prioritisation in acute services since July 2022.**

No meetings have been held to discuss this as contracting rules as set by NHS England are being followed.

- 3. Can the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Integrated Care Board disclose which person(s) within the ICS/ICB is/are responsible for ensuring the formula that guides investment prioritisation in acute services, as decided by the Advisory Committee on the Resource Allocation, is properly implemented.**

This has been a system approach and as stated following the contracting rules as set by NHS England.

- 4. Can the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Integrated Care Board clarify whether they plan to adhere to the Advisory Committee on the Resource Allocation's (ACRA) proposed needs-based allocations methodology to determine the distribution of financial resources for its acute services?**

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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 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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