

Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI-05-361

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Dear

FOI-05-361

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 2nd May 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:

Please provide the following information:

Is the Data Protection Officer support for GP Practices provided:

a) Inhouse by the ICB

Not applicable.

b) out-sourced

It is outsourced by the ICB, to some Practices: most in the South Staffordshire patch.

c) GP Practices source their own

Some source their own via their GP Federation: most in the North or East Staffordshire patch.

If (b) Out-sourced by the ICB, please provide:

1. Name of out-sourced contractor?

Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit (MLCSU) but under a Service Level Agreement and not a contract. It is secured as part of the wider MLCSU outsourced commissioning support offer / Information Governance service provided by MLCSU to the ICB. This Service Level Agreement is annual, rolled over as per other NHS England / MLCSU arrangements.

There is no plan to re-tender these services currently.

2. How long the contract was for?

Not applicable.

3. Date contract finishes?

Not applicable.

4. Cost of the contract?

Not applicable.

5. Where any bids are/will be advertised?

Not applicable.

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
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely

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