



Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI-04-358

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Dear

**FOI-04-358**

**Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your further queries of the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 relating to our response provided against question one of your request of the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023. We can confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board can provide the following information.

An anonymised copy of this and our previous response will be made publicly available on the ICB website.

Please see our responses in blue below:

**Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, can you provide the following information:**

- 1. A record and minute from any meeting of the ICB which discussed how to ensure best practice is shared between each Sub-ICB Location (SICBL)?**

**In response to the given answer to question one, according to NHS England's Monthly Outpatient Referrals Data/Hospital Activity data, Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board has 6 SICBLs:**

- NHS CANNOCK CHASE (SUB ICB LOCATION)**
- NHS EAST STAFFORDSHIRE (SUB ICB LOCATION)**
- NHS NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE (SUB ICB LOCATION)**
- NHS SOUTH EAST STAFFORDSHIRE AND SEISDON PENINSULA (SUB ICB LOCATION)**
- NHS STAFFORD AND SURROUNDS (SUB ICB LOCATION)**
- NHS STOKE ON TRENT (SUB ICB LOCATION)**

**Are there no conversations between these SICBLs around their activity and best practice?**

The six Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent were legally abolished on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and replaced by a single Integrated Care Board (ICB) on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022. All matters pertaining to the CCGs were legally

transferred to the ICB by NHS England's Establishment Order under the authority of the Health and Social Care Act 2022. We hold any conversations around activity and best practice through the new ICB and the Integrated Care System (ICS) wide arrangements.

As stated in our previous correspondence, we have not created any SICBLs as you suggest in your request as there was no requirement or need to do so. If others outside of our ICB and ICB choose to label data in such a way that suggests there are some SICBLs in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, we are unable to control that. However, that labelling of the data in that way by them confers no substance, legal form or organisational status to any suggested SICBL.

**I am also unable to source the data referenced in the FOI response, please could an example data sheet please be shared?**

Please be advised that the ICB do not hold data at SICBL level as any data for SICBLs is owned by others for the reasons stated and also subject to a Section 21 Exemption: i.e. publicly available from NHS England or NHS Business Services Authority sources. We would recommend you raise separate FOI requests to them directly as we do not source data not owned or held by us to share with FOI requesters.

### **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](mailto: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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SK9 5AF  
[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)



**Staffordshire and  
Stoke-on-Trent**  
Integrated Care Board

Yours sincerely

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