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Dear

FOI-0524-841

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 20th May 2024. 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 writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, about the status of NHS patients in dental practices within your Integrated Care Board.

The requested information is as follows:

- 1. An up-to-date list of the dental practices within your ICB with NHS patients currently in their records – i.e. practices not listed as providing ‘private only’ dental care?**

Details of all dental practices that have NHS dental contracts are available via: www.nhs.gov under ‘find a dentist’.

- 2. A breakdown of the dental practices within your ICB currently:**

- a) Accepting adults 18 or over as new NHS patients**
- b) Accepting children 17 or under as new NHS patients**
- c) Accepting new NHS patients only for specialist dental care on referral**
- d) Not accepting any new NHS patients, and for how long this has been the case**

The acceptance status of each NHS dental is also available via: www.nhs.gov.

3. The average time adult NHS patients currently on a waiting list have been waiting to be accepted as a patient (the average across your ICB)?

The date on which the acceptance status was updated is also available via: www.nhs.gov.

4. The date as of which the above information is accurate?

The ICB does not hold any data regarding the length of time that patients have waited to be accepted by an NHS dental practice. Therefore there is no date to measure this information.

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
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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