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Dear

FOI-05-369

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 4th May 2023. 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:

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

- 1. What criteria did Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent ICS use to decide on the specific procedures, methodologies and equipment that would be used to complete the diagnostic tests delivered by the community diagnostic centres commissioned by the Integrated Care System?**

The Integrated Care System have used national guidance DIAGNOSTICS: RECOVERY AND RENEWAL Report of the Independent Review of Diagnostic Services for NHS England, published in 2020 to decide on specific equipment within CDCs. In addition, demand and capacity has identified additional procedures and tests that are required to meet future demand e.g. endoscopy capacity. A review of spirometry services has been undertaken and we will be looking to align service provision with the CDCs. Further work is ongoing regarding current and future physiological measurement service delivery and alignment to CDCs.

- 2. What public and patient consultation did Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent ICS carry out surrounding the specific procedures, methodologies and equipment that would be used to complete the diagnostic tests delivered by the community diagnostic centres commissioned by the Integrated Care System?**

The service provision is an expansion and enhancement to current diagnostic services therefore there is no duty to consult. Patient and public involvement activity was

undertaken in 2021, the report of findings can be found at:
<https://staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk/your-nhs-integrated-care-board/our-publications/findings/community-diagnostic-hubs-report/?layout=default>

- 3. What discussions has Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent ICS had the on need to adjust the way diagnostic tests are delivered by the community diagnostic centres commissioned by the ICS, to make their delivery of tests and checks more efficient?**

The ICB is clear that with the implementation of community diagnostic centres there will need to be changes made to the pathways for referral, ability to deliver a series of diagnostic tests with rapid reporting in order to provide the rapid diagnosis pathways and principles set out in the guidance for CDC's. The diagnostic centres will support primary care decision making and aid referral pathways into secondary care.

- 4. Which specific procedures are conducted by Healthcare Professionals within each diagnostic test available in the Community Diagnostic Centres commissioned by Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent ICS; and b) can the ICS provide a list of any applicable NICE Guidance followed within the diagnostic tests carried out in Community Diagnostic Centres commissioned by Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent ICS?**

The ICB do not hold this information. Please contact the diagnostic leads at University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Trust and at Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust. Contact details as below:

University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Trust
<https://www.uhdb.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information-foi/>

Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust
<https://www.royalwolverhampton.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/>

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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