



Our Ref: PW/KJJ/FOI/1124/1073

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Sent by email

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Dear

FOI-1124/1073

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on Wednesday 20th November 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.

We are trying to build a regional / system wide picture of medical retina services - Wet AMD and other anti VEGf treated condition, covering demand, capacity, and delivery. We plan to share our data with the Macular Society in support of their research and campaigning.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

- 1. For the financial years 2022/23, 2023/24 and current YTD, how many referrals have you received for wet AMD, diabetic macular oedema and retinal vein occlusion (Anti VEGf services) or perhaps referred to as medical retina?**
- 2. For the financial years 2022/23, 2023/24 and current YTD, how many referrals have you rejected as unsuitable or undeliverable by your Trust?**
- 3. For the financial years 2022/23, 2023/24 and current YTD, how many referrals have you received, triaged, booked and completed first assessment and treatment within the 2 week RTT advised by NICE and the college of ophthalmologists? We are looking for your Trust performance data against the 14 day standard as a % by month for the periods - 2023/24 and 2024/25**
- 4. How many patients are currently on a waiting list for an appointment for first assessment and or treatment ? How many have breached the 2 week RTT?**
- 5. How many patients are currently on a waiting list for a follow up appointment and treatment? How many of these have waited longer than the requested call back date stated as an outcome of their last assessment? (Ie overdue?) How many are overdue by more than one month? (We exclude from this any patients who have cancelled / DNA'd or are unable to attend an appointment that has been offered)**
- 6. Which drugs are your preferred for a new patient? Which drugs do you still use for follow-up patients?**
- 7. Does your trust follow a see and treat "one stop" clinic format?**
- 8. Does your trust follow treat and extend protocols where clinically appropriate?**
- 9. How many patients have you certificated as sight impaired or severely sight impaired in the FYs 2022/23, 2023/24 and year to date due to Wet AMD?**

Please note response provided below:

Thank you for your information request. Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent (SSOT) ICB does not hold the information that you are requesting, it will need to be requested from the Providers that are patients choice to be seen by.

The majority of SSOT patients that seek ophthalmology care are seen by one of the organisations, therefore your request will need to be requested from them: -

- University Hospital North Midlands : foi@uhnm.nhs.uk
- University Hospital Derby and Burton : uhdb.foi@nhs.net
- The Roal Wolverhampton Trust: rwh-tr.foi@nhs.net
- University Hospital Birmingham : Foi@uhb.nhs.uk
- Dudley Group of Hospitals : dgft.foi@nhs.net

To request an internal review

You can request an internal review by contacting the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB FOI team by emailing; 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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