



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

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Dear

FOI-0124-681

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 15th January 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:

Under the FOI act, could I please have, split into 'primary care prescribing' and 'overall prescribing spend' (if there is a split):

- 1. What was your full-year budget for prescribing costs at the start of 2023/2024? Please also say what your planned prescribing spend was YTD at month 10***

The 2023/24 budget for prescribing costs was £202.6m 'Year To Date' (YTD) planned spend (budget) at Month 9 was £153.5m.

- 2. Then forecast full-year spend on prescribing at year-end 2023/2024? Also actual prescribing spend YTD at month 10****

The 2023/24 latest forecast as at Month 9 was £230.3m with YTD spend of £172.6m.

- 3. What was the assumed rate of growth in prescribing costs in your financial plan for 23/24, compared to 2022/2023?**

1.3% as per NHSE planning guidance.

4. What is the most recent assessment of the actual rate of growth, compared to 2022/2023?

Assuming this is a growth in prescribing costs as per question three, when comparing 2022/2023 outturn of £217.4m to 2023/2024 forecast outturn of £230.3m represents a 5.93% growth in prescribing costs.

5. For 2202/2023 and in the YTD at month 10, please provide how much was spent on each group of drugs e.g. respiratory, CVD, mental health (i.e. categorised by BNF categories or similar) ?**

***If month 10 not available, please provide the most recent month.**

****As above but please provide information for the same month as above**

This level of data is not held by the ICB. Please redirect your request to NHS Business Services Authority [Freedom of Information | NHSBSA](#)

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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