

Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI-07-459

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Sent by email

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Dear

FOI-07-450

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 17th July 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:

I am writing to request some information under the Freedom of Information act. I am requesting this information on behalf of Epilepsy Action, as we would like to understand the UK neurology workforce in order to better support the NHS to provide care to people with epilepsy.

Please could you provide the following (including both the number of individuals and FTE for each question):

- 1. The number of neurologists employed within your ICS, including:**
 - a. The total number of neurologists**
 - b. The number of which are adult neurologists**
 - c. The number of which are paediatric neurologists**
 - d. How many adult neurologists are epileptologists**
 - e. How many paediatric neurologists are epileptologists**
 - f. If you do not employ neurologists, please provide details of who provides your neurology services**
- 2. The number of epilepsy specialist nurses (ESNs) employed within your ICS, including:**
 - a. The number of which are adult ESNs**
 - b. The number of which are paediatric ESNs**
 - c. How many adult ESNs have Learning Disability expertise**
 - d. How many paediatric ESNs have Learning Disability expertise**
- 3. The number of learning disability nurses who have epilepsy expertise?**

4. The number of staff working within obstetrics who have epilepsy expertise, and their job titles?
 - a. Within this number, how many midwives have epilepsy expertise.
5. The number of staff working within neurology who have expertise in obstetrics, and their job titles?

Please be advised that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB is a commissioning organisation and not a Provider, therefore we do not employ Neurologists.

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
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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