

Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI-11-167

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Sent by email

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Dear

**FOI-11-167**

**Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your request dated the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Please be advised that the Integrated Care Board do not hold the information for the Integrated Care System which is not a statutory body. We have therefore provided the information relating to the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board. Please see our responses in blue below as below:

**I am writing with a Freedom of Information request regarding the provision of virtual ward care within your ICS. We would like to get the following data on the contracts your ICB has with independent providers:**

- 1. Do you use virtual wards in your trusts? (Y/N)**
- 2. If you are not currently using virtual wards, are you planning on using them in the future?**
- 3. How many virtual ward beds do you have?**
- 4. Can you please specify how many virtual wards you have by speciality (respiratory care, cardiology care, diabetes care, stroke care, renal care, pre/post operative care services, other)?**
- 5. How many patients have been admitted in virtual wards in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022?**
- 6. Which virtual ward software providers do you work with?**
- 7. Do you have the values and durations of the contracts with the virtual ward software providers for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022?**

Please be advised that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board do not hold this level of information, you will need to submit your request directly to the provider, details of which are below:

University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust  
<https://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/contact-us>

## **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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

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