

Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI-09-551

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Sent by email

Dear

FOI-09-551

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 29th September 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 information under the Freedom of Information Act about your organisation's plans for medicines optimisation, following the national guidance published by NHSE earlier this year.
(<https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/national-medicines-optimisation-opportunities-2023-24/#1-addressing-problematic-polypharmacy>)

Please complete the below FOI questions.

- 1. What is the value of your organisation's planned savings opportunity from medicines procurement for 23/24?**

Please be advised that the ICB does not procure any medicines. Your request should be sent to the Providers. Contact details below:

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

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/>

2. What are the biggest areas of spend within medicines procurement* the organisation expects to make the largest savings in?

***Medicines procurement spend areas could include secondary care medicines, Ophthalmology and Blood glucose and ketone meters.**

Please redirect your request to NHS Shared Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) for our ICB medicines spend. <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/contact-us/freedom-information>

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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