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Sent by email

Dear Sir/Madam

FOI/0725/1363

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received on the 14th July 2025. We can now 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 note the ICBs responses in blue.

1. The **estimated financial cost** of medicines wasted in primary care under your ICB's remit, including:
 - o Returned or uncollected prescriptions from patients
 - o Stock expired or disposed of by GP practices or pharmacies
 - o Medication wastage due to patient non-adherence, over-prescribing, or other causes[Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB does not hold this information.](#)
2. Any available **quantitative data (e.g., volume/weight or item count)** on wasted medicines.
[Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB does not hold this information please redirect to: \[office.westmidlands@nhs.net\]\(mailto:office.westmidlands@nhs.net\) they hold the contract with the supplier to collect medicines waste on behalf of the ICB.](#)
3. Any **audits, internal reports, or evaluations** your ICB has conducted on medicines wastage or medicines optimisation.
[In relation to medicines waste, no audits, internal reports were conducted by Clinical Values and Medicines on medicines wastage. Figures produced by the RPS stated 77% of all prescribing came from repeat prescribing \[New RPS and RCGP Repeat Prescribing Toolkit will improve safety and efficiency\]\(#\). This figure is used for any waste related projects.](#)
4. Whether your ICB supports or commissions any **initiatives, technologies, or systems** to reduce or monitor medicines waste.
[The Clinical Values and Medicines Team within the ICB are hosting a project to improve the Stewardship of Repeat Prescribing and reduce medicines waste.](#)

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 ICB FOI team by emailing; staffsstokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk or by post to the address at the top of this letter within 40 working days of the initial response.

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.

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The ICO can be contacted at:

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Yours faithfully

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