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Dear

FOI-0325/1237

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for additional information received on 24th March 2025. 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 note the ICBs responses in blue.

1. **What fee does your Integrated Care Board currently pay Section 12(2) doctors per assessment for Mental Health Act Assessments?**
£173.37.
2. **Has there been any increase in the fees paid in the past 10 years, if so provide when and how much?**
No increase in fees has been paid.
3. **Has there been a change since the BMA advised new fees in 2024?**
Assessment fee is currently under review
4. **Is the fee different for in hours and out of hours?**
No, there is no difference.
5. **Is travel time reimbursed (over and above mileage costs)?**
No, it isn't reimbursed.
6. **Are fees paid to consultants whilst on usual clinical duty in and out of hours?**
No they are not.
7. **The total number of Section 12(2) assessments done annually for each of the last 10 years**
We are only able to go back for a period of seven years see below (noting that the years referenced are when we've paid the claims not necessarily the year in which the assessments were performed. The ICB is beholden to the doctors as to when claims are submitted and there is a six-year law of statute for them to submit their claim. The result of this can lead to erroneous movements when comparing individual years).

Question 7	Claims
18/19	3,707
19/20	2,054
20/21	3,594
21/22	4,047
22/23	3,461
23/24	5,060
24/25	2,961
Totals	24,884

8. The total amount spent annually on Section 12(2) assessments for each of the last 10 years

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Question 8	Value £
18/19	£659,415.68
19/20	£363,850.26
20/21	£633,920.89
21/22	£715,273.42
22/23	£611,161.32
23/24	£890,269.83
24/25	£512,490.06
Totals	£4,386,381.46

9. Do you directly pay the clinician or is this done via a third party (eg a mental health NHS trust)

Pay clinician directly via S12 solutions

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.

The ICO can be contacted at:



**Staffordshire and
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Yours sincerely

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