

Our Ref: PW/SJR/FOI/1025/1467

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22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025

Sent by email

Dear

Telephone: 0300 123 1461

**FOI/1025/1467**

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

Thank you for your email received 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We can now confirm that 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. The ICBs response is provided below in **blue** text.

You have requested:

**Please can you provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:**

- 1. How many pharmacy applications were refused where a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment identified a need for pharmacies**
- 2. How many pharmacy applications were refused where a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment did not identify a need for pharmacies**
- 3. How many pharmacy applications were granted where a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment identified a need for pharmacies**
- 4. How many pharmacy applications were granted where a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment did not identify a need for pharmacies**
- 5. The total number of pharmacy applications received**
- 6. The reasons for rejecting pharmacy applications where a need was identified**
- 7. The reasons for granting pharmacy applications where a need was not identified**

**Please could you provide the above information for each of the past five years.**

**Please see enclosed spreadsheet.**

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](mailto: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:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

**Paul Winter**  
**Associate Director of Corporate Governance**

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Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent ICB Area

Year	Pharmacy applications <u>refused</u> where need was identified	Pharmacy applications <u>refused</u> where need was NOT identified	Pharmacy applications <u>granted</u> where need was identified	Pharmacy applications <u>granted</u> where need was NOT identified	APPLICATIONS IN PROGRESS	APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN	Total applications received
21/22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22/23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23/24	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
24/25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25/26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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