

Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI-08-492

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Sent by email

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Dear

FOI-08-492

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 4th August 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 would like to know the percentage of referrals made by your ICB to Private Hospitals and Clinics versus NHS Hospitals and Clinics.

Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB (SSOT ICB) is a commissioning organisation and does not make referrals to service providers. Under the NHS constitution, patients have the right to choose where they are referred to for treatment for consultant led care, which may include an accredited independent sector provider.

SSOT ICB does not hold the information you have requested, but you may seek the referrals numbers from the providers you have an interest in directly.

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
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www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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