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Dear

**FOI-12-201**

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

Thank you for your request dated the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022. We can confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board does hold some of the information that you have requested. Please see our responses in blue below

**I am looking for some information to be answered under the Freedom of Information Act relating to the Additional roles reimbursement scheme (ARRS) underspend which Primary Care Networks (PCNs) can bid for, as was the initial agreement between PCNs and CCGs before the latter was abolished.**

**In this context, ARRS underspend refers to money that had been ringfenced for the ARRS which has not been claimed. This query relates to financial year 2022/23.**

**My questions are as below:**

**1. How much ARRS underspend has the ICB record in its footprint?**

The total funding available for the ICB is £19.756m of which the ICB has £12.196m in their baseline and the remain £7.560m is held by NHSE England/Improvement (NHSEI).

The ICB is currently forecasting to spend £15.289m which is an overspend of £3.046m against the ICB baseline budget of £12.196m, and therefore the forecast remains the same. The ICB will be available to drawdown the £3.046m from NHSE later in the financial year. The remaining £4.467m of the total funding will remain unspent and will be retained centrally by NHSEI.

**2. Does the ICB intend to reallocate this money to PCNs?**

Yes

**3. How many bids did the ICB receive for this money in the financial year 2022/23?**

None so far due to not starting the process yet.

**4. On average, how much did each bid ask for in the financial year 2022/23?**

0 – no bids currently received.

**5. Can you share the bids the ICB received for this underspend? And can these documents be shared in a way to account for the large file size?**

None received.

**6. How many of these bids were successful?**

Not applicable.

**7. How much money will be redistributed?**

Aim to distribute all of the underspend.

**8. When will this money be redistributed?**

During February to March 2023.

**9. If the money is not redistributed what will it be used for?**

Any funding not redistributed will remain with NHS England (NHSE), therefore would you need to contact NHSE for further information. Contact details as follows:

NHS England

[NHS England » How to make a freedom of information \(FOI\) or subject access request](#)

**Right of Appeal**

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](mailto: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:

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Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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Yours sincerely

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