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Dear

**FOI-03-307**

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

Thank you for your request for information received on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023. 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:

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**Under the Freedom of Information Act, we would like to put in a formal request for answers to the following:**

**Regarding the Closure of Burntwood Health and Wellbeing Centre:**

**1. Will these staff be redeployed at other medical centres?**

This is part of transition planning.

**2. Is there a strategy for the redistribution of patients to other health centres?**

Patients will choose where to register.

**3. You state in your letter there is existing capacity. Does this apply to consulting room space in other surgeries, or the number of GPs per patient?**

This is in relation to what will eventually be two new health centres in Burntwood.

**4. Are you to adopt a strategy of giving patients appointments at any surgery that has a spare appointment on the day a patient requests one?**

No.

**5. Will the current funding for Burntwood Health and Wellbeing be allocated to the remaining surgeries to maintain staffing levels?**

Core funding for practices is based on the number of registered patients, therefore current core patient funding will follow the patients to where they choose to register.

**6. Why has there been no public consultation on this decision which affects 5000 patients?**

This is not required when an APMS contract is coming to its natural end.

**7. We were promised a new health centre facility 15 years ago; so why hasn't any planning application been put in?**

The Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB do not hold the information.

**8. If the site has to be cleared by September 2024, why do you not apply for an extension to allow time for planning and building a new health centre? It is not the patient's fault that you have run out of time – you have had 15 years.**

This information is available on the 'Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)' page of the ICB website regarding this matter. Link below:

**[Frequently Asked Questions.](#)**

**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:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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Yours sincerely



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