



Our Ref: SY/AKB/FOI-04-336

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Sent by email

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Dear

**FOI-04-336**

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

Thank you for your request for information received on the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023. We can confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board does not hold the information that you have requested.

Please see our responses in blue below:

**I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.**

**How many applications were made by GP practices in your area to the Special Allocation Scheme for violent patients in each of the following years:**

**2016-17  
2017-18  
2018-19  
2019-20  
2020-21  
2021-22  
2022-23**

**For each of the years, how many of these applications were:**

- a) Accepted**
- b) Rejected**

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

The process for GP practices to request the placement of patients onto a Special Allocation Scheme (SAS) is described in NHS England guidance. The practice completes a request which is submitted to Primary Care Support in England (PCSE); PCSE assess the application and either place the patient with an SAS provider or reject the application. PCSE inform the ICB only of patients who have been placed on to a scheme therefore we do not hold data around how many applications are received and rejected. PCSE are commissioned by NHS England to deliver this service.

**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  
Wilmslow  
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Yours sincerely

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