

Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI-03-294

30<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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Sent by email

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Dear

**FOI-03-294**

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

Thank you for your request dated the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023. We can confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board does hold the information that you have requested. Please see our responses in blue below:

**I write under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information:**

**a) How many GP surgeries in your ICS footprint closed (including mergers with other practices) in each year from 2018-2022 (inclusive)?**

**b) How many patients were registered at the surgeries when they closed?**

**For the years before the ICS was created, I would be grateful if you could add together the numbers that closed/patients affected in each of the CCGs that combined to create the ICS.**

Please find response below provided in a table as requested. The information has been aggregated for CCGs prior to ICB formation as requested.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of practices that closed (including mergers)	1	5	3	2	2
Total number of patients who were registered with the practices when they closed.	0	0	0	0	0
Total number of patients who were registered with the practices when they merged.	7332	20,000	9213	9658	6021

## **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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SK9 5AF  
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Yours sincerely

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