

Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI-03-297

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Sent by email

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Dear

FOI-03-297

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 15th 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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I am a PhD researcher at the University of Cambridge, writing my dissertation on the relationship between quality and patient demand at the practice level. As part of my study, I require data on GP practice mergers and closures.

Please could you inform me of the Location ODS, names and dates of practices which have closed or merged within your authority, between the period of 2010 and current. Please could you specify whether the practice merged or whether the practice closed. If the practice merged, please could you specify the date this came into operation, whether the practice became a branch surgery, and the name of the practice(s) that the practice merged with.

Please find attached completed excel spreadsheet providing the information Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board holds on mergers and branch surgeries.

For information prior to the ICB (former CCGs below) having primary care delegated commissioning arrangements, you would need to contact NHS England (GMAST - england.gp-contracting@nhs.net) for comprehensive information back to 2010.

Cannock Chase CCG
East Staffordshire
North Staffordshire CCG
South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula CCG
Staffordshire and Surrounds CCG
Stoke-on-Trent CCG

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 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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Yours sincerely

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