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Dear

FOI-0325/1216

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on 6th March 2025. We can confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board can provide the following information.

An anonymised copy of this response will be made publicly available on the ICB website. Please note the ICBs responses in blue.

This FOI request seeks to determine the clinical pathways associated with Helicobacter pylori testing within primary care in your ICS, as well as the types, numbers and costs of Helicobacter pylori tests requested by primary care providers within your ICS.

Question 1: Clinical guidance and care pathways Which guidance and clinical care pathways are used in your ICS with respect to the primary care management and diagnosis of dyspepsia and related Helicobacter pylori testing?

The ICB does not hold this information

Question 2: Test Types and Volumes

With respect to Helicobacter pylori tests requested by primary care within your ICS, what types of test (e.g., stool antigen test, urea breath test, serology), and how many of each type of test were requested during the most recent 12-month period, or other defined accounting period for which data is available?

The ICB does not hold this information

Question 3: Cost and Payment Structure for Testing How are Helicobacter pylori tests paid for across your ICS? For example, are tests charged on a per-test basis, covered under a global contract for testing services, or a combination of both? If charged per test, please specify the price per test for each test type (e.g., stool antigen test, urea breath test, serology).

The ICB does not hold this information and does not have any specific guidelines in place. Clinical colleagues would follow NICE guidance

To request an internal review

You can request an internal review by contacting the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB FOI team by emailing; staffsstokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk or by post to the address at the top of this letter within 40 working days of the initial response.

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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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Yours sincerely

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