

Our Ref: PW/KJJ/FOI/1224/1108

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Dear

FOI-1224/1108

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on Tuesday 10^h December 2024. 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 see our responses in blue below:

- 1. How many people in your Integrated Care System (ICS) are waiting for a spirometry test?**
We have estimated that there are approx. 7,339 on a backlog waiting list – these are patients coded as being diagnosed with COPD, without a test having been performed, between 1st March 2020 – 1st October 2023.
- 2. How many spirometry referral requests were received in your ICS in the last financial year?**
We are unable to determine the number of Lung Function Tests/Spirometry referrals in the ERS or RAS data as it doesn't go down to that level of granularity for procedure.
- 3. How many spirometry tests were performed in your ICS in the last financial year?**
Total in Secondary Care SUS Data 2023/24 = 4,147
Total in Primary Care 2023/24 = 674
Total Number of Tests Completed = 4,821
- 4. Is the volume of spirometry currently available: enough to meet the demand of new referrals and to address any backlog? Enough to meet the demand of new referrals only? Not enough to meet the demand of new referrals?**
The ICB has enough demand to meet the backlog of COPD patients + new referrals. There is not enough to meet the demand for asthma as well.
- 5. How is spirometry commissioned in primary care across the ICS?**

Across Staffordshire & Stoke on Trent ICB there is a mixed model of In-House delivery, PCN delivery & Federation delivery – the ICB has 100% population cover across these providers.

**6. What are the barriers the ICS is facing to commissioning spirometry?
The time it takes to train staff.**

The number of tests that can be performed in 1 hour, is making the financial model challenging for practices.

Restricted funding to cover the demand for COPD & Asthma – prioritisation criteria is in place.

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.

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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Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely

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