

Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI-08-077

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Dear

**FOI FOI-08-077:
Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your request dated the 10th August 2022. We can confirm that Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board does not hold the information that you have requested. Please see our responses in blue below / attached:

Subject: Procurement of GP Direct Access Pathology Services

Please list the pathology providers, including NHS organisations, which you used during financial year 2021/22 to provide GP direct access pathology services (list any provider with a spend in the year greater than £25,000)?

Please be advised that Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB do not hold this specific information. Our larger Trusts below who provide pathology are listed below:

University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust
<https://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/contact-us/>

Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust
<https://www.royalwolverhampton.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/>

University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Trust
<https://www.uhdb.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information-foi/>

University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust
<https://www.uhb.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information.htm>

Please provide the amount spent with each provider on GP direct access pathology during the year 2021/22.

We do not hold this specific information as services are commissioned through our block contract arrangements with Hospital Trusts.

Please state which of following methods for calculating payment best describes the contractual arrangement between the CCG and each provider:

1. Amount paid for direct access pathology not explicitly stated, ie included within larger overall contract?
2. Fixed payment amount for pathology agreed for the year?
3. Fixed payment amount agreed for the year, but adjusted if volumes are higher or lower than expected?
4. Payment calculated based on a cost per specialty, eg £X per blood science test, £Y per microbiology sample, £Z per histology case?
5. Payment calculated on a price per specific test, eg £X for Urea and Electrolytes, £Y for full blood count, £Z for MRSA test?

Amount paid for direct access pathology not explicitly stated, i.e. included within larger overall contract.

Have the authority undertaken a procurement advertised via OJEU for GP direct access pathology during the past five years? If so, please provide link.

No.

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 FOI complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire. SK9 5AF

www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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