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Dear

FOI/0825/1401

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received on the 18th August 2025. We can now 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.

You have requested:

- *I would like to know how many patients with a referral for suspected cancer are currently waiting for an appointment. If possible I would like this broken down into the type of cancer.*
- *I would like to know the longest someone has currently been on the waiting list after being referred with a possible cancer diagnosis, and I would like to know the type of cancer they are suspected to have.*
- *For people that have been diagnosed I would like to know the average wait time for treatment to begin. If possible I would like this broken down into a type of cancer. I would like this data for 2021/22, 2022/23, 23/24 and 25 years to date.*
- *For people who have had a cancer diagnosis I would like to know, currently, what is the longest someone has been waiting for treatment and the cancer they have been diagnosed with.*
- *For the years 2021/22, 2022/23, 23/24 and 25 years to date I would like to know who many patients have passed away while waiting to start treatment for their cancer diagnosis.*

We can confirm that the ICB does not hold the information you are requesting.

The majority of Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent patients that are suspected to have cancer are referred to one of the four Acute Trust providers detailed below. To obtain the information you are requesting you will need to redirect your request to the Providers:

- University Hospital of North Midlands (UHNM) - foi@uhnms.nhs.uk
- University Hospital of Derby and Burton (UHDB) - uhdb.foi@nhs.net
- Royal Wolverhampton trust (RWT) - rwh-tr.foi@nhs.net

Chair: David Pearson MBE

Interim Chief Executive Officer: Dr Paul Edmondson-Jones MBE

- [University Hospital of Birmingham \(UHB\) - foi@uhb.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhb.nhs.uk)

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 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:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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Head of Governance