

Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI-03-280

3rd March 2023

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Sent by email

Dear

FOI-03-275

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request dated the 3rd March 2023. We can confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board does not hold the information that you have requested. Please see our responses in blue below:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, could you please provide the following information?

- **Has the trust completed any analysis of inequalities in elective waiting times based on a) ethnicity of patients b) socio-economic/ IMD status of patients c) any other characteristic?**

If so:

- **Please could you provide details on what the trust has analysed - including how many patients, which ethnic/ economic groups and over which timeframe.**
- **What were the results of this analysis, were any disparities in waiting times identified between the groups described above? If so, please give figures on the disparities identified.**
- **Has the trust published this analysis? If so- please send a link. If not, please explain why**
- **Could you also summarise any action the trust has taken in response to the analysis described above?**

If not:

- **please could you detail a) whether the trust is planning any analysis of health inequalities in elective waiting times b) what this analysis will cover c) when this will be carried out and d) what the trust is doing to ensure equitable treatment of different groups on elective waiting lists.**
- **Is the trust planning to publish this analysis? If not, please explain why.**
- **If the trust is not planning any analysis as described above, please explain why not.**

Please be advised that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Board is not an NHS Trust and does not hold detailed waiting list information to allow the analysis you have requested. The ICB does not therefore hold the information requested.

Your request should be sent to the NHS Trusts that serve our population predominantly in terms of Elective Care, i.e. University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust, Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust and University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Trust.

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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