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Sent by email

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Dear

FOI-0225/1190

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on 14th February 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.

We are trying to determine the number of patients that are currently on the waiting list for bariatric surgery across the country i.e. they have been assessed as eligible and meet all the criteria for surgery and are now waiting for a surgical date. With that in mind please could you pass to us any information you have to address the following questions:

- **How many referrals have you had into Tier 4 Bariatric Services within the past year?**
- **What is the average time between their RTT into Tier 4 service and their first appointment in clinic?**
- **If you do not have a Tier 4 service in your area, how many patients have you referred to neighbouring ICBs within the past year?**

Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent (SSOT) ICB is a strategic commissioning organisation and not a provider organisation therefore we do not hold the information that you have requested. However, the majority of SSOT patients are seen and supported by two Acute Trusts where this information can be requested from:

- University Hospital North Midlands – foi@uhnm.nhs.uk
- The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust - rwh-tr.foi@nhs.net

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.

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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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