

Our Ref: SY/AKB/FOI-10-150

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Dear

FOI-10-150

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request dated the 21st October 2022. We can confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board does hold part of the information that you have requested. Please see our responses in blue below

This is an information request relating to MRIs for overweight patients.

Please include the information for each of the following financial years; 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22:

- 1. The number of patients within the remit of the ICB (previously CCG) who have had to be sent to an external, or alternative MRI machine due to the patient being overweight?**

2018/2019: 0
2019/2020: 1
2020/2021: 0
2021/2022: 0

The former CCGs and the ICB do not hold information on referrals that are made direct from provider to provider.

- 2. The annual cost of using these alternative or external MRIs?**

Exact cost unknown, approximately £500.

- 3. Where the MRIs are (for example, at specialist hospitals)?**

Specialist MRI Centre.

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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