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Dear

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Re: Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-03481-D3D2-NS
FOI-03481-D3D2-SOT

Thank you for your correspondence dated 14 June 2018, making a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for information which may be held by NHS North Staffordshire CCG and NHS Stoke-on-Trent CCG.

You requested the following information and our response is detailed below:

1. Name of CCG

NHS North Staffordshire
NHS Stoke-on-Trent

2. Name of CCG from which the data set was taken if the data set was taken from a CCG that is no longer in existence

Not applicable.

3. Region

Staffordshire

4. Population size from which the data set is taken.

NHS North Staffordshire population is 213,000
NHS Stoke-on-Trent population is 260,000

5. Please confirm that prior approvals have been removed from the data set

Yes

For the 12-month period from April 2016 to March 2017 please provide the following information.

6. How many IFR applications were received in this period?

NHS North Staffordshire – 42
NHS Stoke-on-Trent - 55

7. How many of these applications proceeded to a Screening Panel / Team?

NHS North Staffordshire - 36
NHS Stoke-on-Trent 11

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Note: Some CCGs may screen out IFR applications for administrative reasons (wrong CCG, normally commissioned case, other reasons).

8. Of the cases that were put before the Screening Panel / Team in how many cases was the screening decision made the first time the case was presented to the Screening Panel / Team?

NHS North Staffordshire - 36
NHS Stoke-on-Trent - 11

9. How many of IFRs made in this period were put before an IFR Panel for consideration?

NHS North Staffordshire - ≤5
NHS Stoke-on-Trent - ≤5.

10. Of the cases that were put before the IFR Panel in how many cases was the decision made the first time the case was put before the Panel?

NHS North Staffordshire - ≤5
NHS Stoke-on-Trent CCG can confirm that no additional information was required for these cases.

11. What were the outcomes of the IFR Panel?

NHS North Staffordshire - Funded = ≤5
NHS Stoke-on-Trent – Funded = ≤5

12. If possible please provide further details of the cases:

NHS North Staffordshire – Surgical procedure ≤5

NHS Stoke-on-Trent CCG can confirm the following:

Funded Number - ≤5

Not funded Number - 9

Surgical procedure - ≤5

Medical device - ≤5

13. What was the funding committed as a result of applications whose funding was agreed?

NHS North Staffordshire - Limited duration of funding - ≤5 surgical intervention.
NHS Stoke-on-Trent - Limited duration of funding - ≤5

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Yours sincerely



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