

08 May 2018

Dear

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**Re: Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

**Ref no: FOI-03277-Y2M4-ES (NHS East Staffordshire CCG)**

**FOI-03277-Y2M4-NS (NHS North Staffordshire CCG)**

**FOI-03277-Y2M4-SOT (NHS Stoke on Trent CCG)**

**FOI-03277-Y2M4-SE (NHS South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula CCG)**

Thank you for your correspondence dated 29 March 2018 making a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for information which may be held by NHS East Staffordshire CCG, NHS North Staffordshire CCG, NHS Stoke-on-Trent CCG and NHS South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula CCG.

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

For each of the following financial years 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18:

1. The number of Individual Funding Requests submitted by doctors to your organisation – broken down by the nature of the request: eg cataract surgery, hip or knee surgery, mental health treatment AND whether the request was approved or denied.
2. The date each area of treatment covered by an Individual Funding Request stopped being commissioned locally, if the CCG ever commissioned that treatment.

**NHS East Staffordshire CCG and NHS South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula CCG do hold the information requested and this is detailed in the attached Excel document named ES,SE Attachment.**

**NHS North Staffordshire CCG and NHS Stoke-on-Trent CCG do hold the information requested and this is detailed in the document named SOT & NS attachment.**

**Please note: from 2015 all four CCGs we changed the way we work in IFR and the number of funding requests badged as Prior Approvals increased.**

**Under section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, where there are low numbers we have replaced with less than 5 (<5) to ensure that patients are unable to be potentially identified as this could breach data protection principles.**

**Right of appeal**

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response, or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact the FOI team to discuss. However, if you remain dissatisfied with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to request a review of our decision, this can be formally requested in writing and must be within a reasonable period of time (two calendar months) from the date this response was issued

Initially you should write to the freedom of information officer, either by email on [MLCSU.FOITeam@nhs.net](mailto:MLCSU.FOITeam@nhs.net) or post to Jubilee House, Lancashire Business Park, Leyland,

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PR26 6TR, specifying why you feel you have been wrongly denied access to the information requested. The freedom of information team will make sure your request is investigated by an independent reviewer who was not involved in the original consideration of your request and a written response will be provided within 20 working days.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by NHS East Staffordshire CCG, NHS North Staffordshire CCG, NHS Stoke on Trent CCG and NHS South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula. The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF  
[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

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Yours sincerely



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