

3 August 2018

Dear

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

Ref no: CAS-03666-V1Y8T7-CC (NHS Cannock Chase CCG)

CAS-03673-W4L7Z6-SE (NHS South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula CCG)

CAS-03675-N1H4G6-SAS (NHS Stafford and Surrounds CCG)

CAS-03676-H7X8J0-SOT (NHS Stoke on Trent CCG)

CAS-03668-H5X1W5-ES (NHS East Staffordshire CCG)

CAS-03700-G9Y1V4-NS (NHS North Staffordshire CCG)

Thank you for your correspondence dated 31 July 2018 making a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for information which may be held by NHS Cannock Chase Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), NHS East Staffordshire CCG, NHS North Staffordshire CCG, NHS Stafford and Surrounds 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:

I am writing to request data under the Freedom of Information (2000) regarding the length of time between referral and starting treatment for psychological therapies, for patients referred in July 2018. I include in this all talking therapies offered within your service, and all methods of referral.

If this data is unavailable, I would like to know the current median average time a patient will spend on a waiting list before receiving psychological therapy.

Under S21 of the Freedom of Information Act – NHS Cannock Chase CCG, NHS South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula CCG, NHS Stafford and Surrounds CCG, NHS North Staffordshire CCG, NHS Stoke on Trent CCG and NHS East Staffordshire CCG are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available on the NHS Digital / NHSE websites.

The CCGs do not hold any further detailed information on waiting times, please redirect your request to the following organisations:

University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust -

<http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/contactus/pages/ContactUs.aspx>

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust - <https://www.combined.nhs.uk/get-in-touch/contact-us/>

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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 Cannock Chase CCG, NHS East Staffordshire CCG, NHS North Staffordshire CCG, NHS Stafford and Surrounds 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
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Yours sincerely



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