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

**Ref no: CAS-04595-B6G8L9-CC  
 CAS-04595-B6G8L9-ES  
 CAS-04595-B6G8L9-NS  
 CAS-04595-B6G8L9-SAS  
 CAS-04595-B6G8L9-SESSP  
 CAS-04595-B6G8L9-SOT**

Thank you for your correspondence dated 2 August 2019, making a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for information which may be held by NHS Cannock Chase (CC) Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), NHS East Staffordshire (ES) CCG, NHS North Staffordshire (NS) CCG, NHS Stafford and Surrounds (SAS) CCG, NHS Stoke-on-Trent (SOT) CCG and NHS South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula (SES&SP) CCG.

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

- Please list the pathology providers, including NHS organisations, which you used during financial year 2018/19 to provide GP direct access pathology services (list any provider with a spend in the year greater than £25,000)

	CC	ES	NS	SES&SP	SAS	SOT
<b>BURTON HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST</b>	<b>Yes – used in 2018/19 and above £25,000</b>	<b>Yes – used in 2018/19 and above £25,000</b>		<b>Yes – used in 2018/19 and above £25,000</b>	<b>Yes – used in 2018/19 and above £25,000</b>	
<b>HEART OF ENGLAND NHS FOUNDATION TRUST</b>				<b>Yes – used in 2018/19 and above £25,000</b>		
<b>THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST</b>				<b>Yes – used in 2018/19 and above £25,000</b>		
<b>THE ROYAL WOLVERHAMPTON NHS TRUST</b>	<b>Yes – used in 2018/19 and</b>			<b>Yes – used in 2018/19 and</b>		

	above £25,000			above £25,000		
<b>UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS OF NORTH MIDLANDS NHS TRUST</b>	<b>Yes – used in 2018/19 and above £25,000</b>		<b>Yes – used in 2018/19 and above £25,000</b>		<b>Yes – used in 2018/19 and above £25,000</b>	<b>Yes – used in 2018/19 and above £25,000</b>

- Please provide the amount spent with each provider on GP direct access pathology during the year 2018/19.

	CC	ES	NS	SES&SP	SAS	SOT
<b>BURTON HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST</b>	<b>£33,519</b>	<b>£1,279,179</b>		<b>£263,944</b>		
<b>HEART OF ENGLAND NHS FOUNDATION TRUST</b>				<b>£1,537,218</b>		
<b>THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST</b>				<b>£263,744</b>		
<b>THE ROYAL WOLVERHAMPTON NHS TRUST</b>	<b>£1,459,720</b>			<b>£575,682</b>		
<b>UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS OF NORTH MIDLANDS NHS TRUST</b>	<b>£486,479</b>		<b>£2,584,394</b>		<b>£1,843,385</b>	<b>£3,999,128</b>

- Please state which of following methods for calculating payment best describes the contractual arrangement between the CCG and each provider
  - Amount paid for direct access pathology not explicitly stated, ie included within larger overall contract
  - Fixed payment amount for pathology agreed for the year
  - Fixed payment amount agreed for the year, but adjusted if volumes are higher or lower than expected
  - Payment calculated based on a cost per speciality, eg £X per blood science test, £Y per microbiology sample, £Z per histology case
  - Payment calculated on a price per specific test, eg £X for Urea and Electrolytes, £Y for full blood count, £Z for MRSA test

Where indicated as Yes, payment is calculated based on a cost per speciality or payment calculated on a price per specific test.

	CC	ES	NS	SES&SP	SAS	SOT
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<b>BURTON HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST</b>	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	
<b>HEART OF ENGLAND NHS FOUNDATION TRUST</b>				Yes		
<b>THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST</b>				Yes		
<b>THE ROYAL WOLVERHAMPTON NHS TRUST</b>	Yes			Yes		
<b>UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS OF NORTH MIDLANDS NHS TRUST</b>	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes

- Have the authority undertaken a procurement advertised via OJEU for GP direct access pathology during the past five years? If so, please provide link.

**No, none of the six Staffordshire CCGs have undertaken a procurement.**

### 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

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Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF  
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Yours sincerely



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