

Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent CCGs' Headquarters

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

**Ref no: CAS-05192-K1R8R8-CC
CAS-05192-K1R8R8-SAS
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CAS-05192-K1R8R8-ES
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CAS-05192-K1R8R8-SOT**

Thank you for your correspondence dated 10 March 2020 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 write to request information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000 ('the Act') on the numbers of patients per year who have had an accidental fall in your CCG area, and the numbers patients who have died as a result of an accidental fall per year. The information is requested as numbers per year (from 2010 onwards) on an individual year by year basis under the following headings:

Information prior to April 2013 is not held by the CCGs' as it pre-dates our legal existence and as such is exempted under "Legacy" regulations within the FOI Act and guidance from the Information Commissioner's Office: i.e. public bodies are not liable to disclose information before they became public bodies. The CCGs' were legally formed on the 1st April 2013 and is only subject to FOI requests after this date. Therefore pre-April 1st calendar year information should be requested from the Department of Health instead - email requests should be sent to Reviews&InformationTeam@dh.gsi.gov.uk, writing "Freedom of Information" in the subject line.

1. Number of A&E attendances per year associated with an accidental fall in your CCG area.

The CCGs' cannot identify A&E activity with an accidental fall. We can only identify any inpatients coming from A&E with an accidental fall. This would not provide the whole A&E activity.

2. Hospital outpatient appointments per year associated with an accidental fall in your CCG area.

The CCGs' cannot identify all outpatient appointments due to an accidental fall. The data does not provide this level of information.

3. GP appointments per year associated with an accidental fall in your CCG area.

**NHS Cannock Chase CCG, NHS Stafford and Surrounds CCG, NHS South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula CCG, NHS East Staffordshire CCG, NHS North Staffordshire CCG and NHS Stoke-on-Trent CCG do not hold the information requested, please redirect your request to NHS England via the following link: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi/>
(Please write "Freedom of Information" In the subject line)**

4. Number of deaths per year associated with an accidental fall in your CCG area.

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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
www.ico.gov.uk

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Yours sincerely



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