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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 15th January 2024. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Requested information:

Thank you for publishing your data on expenditure over £25,000 here: <https://www.combined.nhs.uk/about-us/finances/expenditure-over-25-000/expenditure-over-25000-2023/>

However, I notice that your spend data is in pdf format, which is not machine readable and so cannot be used for data analysis.

Under 2.26 of Guidance for publishing spend (https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/662332/guidance_for_publishing_spend.pdf) publishers are to publish in a CSV file format rather than a PDF format.

Therefore, I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for all transactions over £25,000 of October 2023. Please provide the spend data in the CSV format which is machine readable. As a minimum, please make sure to include the date, value, and recipient of each transaction. Please also provide details on the procurement category of each transaction if you have it.

Reports are available on the Trust website in both PDF and CSV at this link [North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Expenditure over £25,000 – 2023](#). To access the CSV files please scroll down past the PDF versions and the CSV files will be visible at the bottom of the page.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review of the management of your request. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Dr Buki Adeyemo, Chief Executive, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust, Trust Headquarters, Lawton House, Bellringer Road, Trentham, ST4 8HH. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

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The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



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