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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 19th 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:

Please provide your total spend on communications and public relations for the last three financial year's (20/21,21/22,22/23). For each year I would like a breakdown containing the following information:

- Spend on communications and public relations activities.
- Total number of communications and public relations employees.
- Total salary cost for all communications and public relations employees.

Please see Appendix 1 attached.

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

Yours sincerely



Nicola Griffiths
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	WTE	Spend £000
2020/21		
Salary Cost	3	£192k
Spend on communications and public relations activities		£51k
2021/22		
Salary Cost	4	£201k
Spend on communications and public relations activities		£46k
2022/23		
Salary Cost	5	£257k
Spend on communications and public relations activities		£48k