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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 9th February 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:

1. How many patients have come into your care with Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) that was noticed and/or attended to, between January 2014-February 2024 calendar years?

NOTE: Please specify if the data is relating to a physical or mental health concern and please make sure to list the physical and mental health concerns separately.

In the period Jan 2014 – February 2024, zero referrals have been made regarding FGM. No disclosures have been made or concerns raised by patients accessing a mental health service from North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare. NHS England requests data around FGM referrals from us on a quarterly basis and have done since Sept 2015.

2. Between January 2014 to February 2024: how much has the trust spent (or how much has it cost) for the following things relating to FGM, where relevant:
 - a) corrective FGM (whatever actions need to be taken to correct or improve the damage caused by FGM)
 - b) surgery
 - c) procedures (non-surgical)
 - d) appointments for mental health – counselling, therapy, group therapy etc. This includes mental health trusts dealing with any form of secondary treatment for FGM as I appreciate acute trusts would look after primary physical care.

This activity is not coded in the Trust finance department and therefore we cannot provide a cost for this from Jan 14 to Feb 24.

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3. How many FGM-related deaths has your trust seen between January 2014- February 2024? Please specify how if FGM was a primary or secondary cause of death. **None reported.**

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, Wycliff House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



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