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Dear

### **Freedom of Information Act Request**

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 19<sup>th</sup> 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:***

Can you please provide an update regarding aspects of your Trust's Cloud usage and Data storage details? The four questions are in the attached spreadsheet, which I would be grateful if you could fill in.

**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**  
**Deputy Director of Governance**

Can you please provide an update on the following 4 questions regarding your Trust's Infrastructure?

| 1. For each element of IT infrastructure below, please provide the requested details: | Main provider | Annual spend 2022-2023           | Contract end date | Additional notes |
|---|---------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Desktop management  | SSHS          | 170k                             | Rolling 12 month  |                  |
| Networking  | SSHS          | 171k                             | Rolling 12 month  |                  |
| Data Centre   | SSHS          | 177k                             | Rolling 12 month  |                  |
| Server management   | SSHS          | Insufficient breakdown available | Rolling 12 month  |                  |
| IT Security   | SSHS          | 67k                              | Rolling 12 month  |                  |
| Email and collaboration   | SSHS          | Circa £500k                      | Rolling 12 month  |                  |
| Processing and computer capacity  | SSHS          | 6.9k                             | Rolling 12 month  |                  |

| 2. For each of the elements below, please provide details about your cloud provider: | Main provider | Contract end date | Additional notes |
|--|---------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Data storage   | Microsoft     | Rolling 12 month  |                  |
| Networking   | N/A           |                   |                  |
| Back-up and archive  | Microsoft     | Rolling 12 month  |                  |
| Application databases  | N/A           |                   |                  |
| Big Data/ Analytics database   | N/A           |                   |                  |
| Email and collaboration  | Microsoft     | Rolling 12 month  |                  |
| Processing and computer capacity   | N/A           |                   |                  |

| 3. For each element detailed below, how does your organisation manage its data storage?   | On premises | Off premises | Main supplier | Annual spend 2022-2023  | Contract end date | Additional notes |
|---|-------------|--------------|---------------|---|-------------------|------------------|
| In-house data centre  |             |              |               |   |                   |                  |
| <b>DEFINITION:</b> Physical or virtual servers that are connected internally and externally through networking and communication equipment to store, transfer and access digital information. | No          | Yes          | SSHS          | Part of outsourced contract, insufficient breakdown available |                   |                  |
| Shared service  |             |              |               |   |                   |                  |
| <b>DEFINITION:</b> The consolidation of business operations that are used by multiple parts of the same organization.   | No          | Yes          | SSHS          | Part of outsourced contract, insufficient breakdown available |                   |                  |
| Data Storage Management   |             |              |               |   |                   |                  |
| <b>DEFINITION:</b> The management of various data storage methods used in the Trust   | No          | Yes          | SSHS          | Part of outsourced contract, insufficient breakdown available |                   |                  |
| Other (please specify)  |             |              |               |   |                   |                  |

| 4. For each of the network supply systems listed below, please provide the requested details:   | Main provider | Annual spend 2022-2023 | Contract end date | Additional notes                   |
|---|---------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| Data network (Broadband)  |               | N/A                    |                   |                                    |
| <b>DEFINITION:</b> Broadband is the actual internet connection afforded by your internet service provider (ISP), which you can access directly via a LAN or ethernet connection between your modem and device |               |                        |                   |                                    |
| WiFi (Hardware)   | Cisco         | 50                     |                   | No Wifi hardware purchase in 22/23 |
| <b>DEFINITION:</b> Wifi is a wireless connection between multiple devices and your router, and just one of the ways you can access the internet   |               |                        |                   |                                    |
| Cable (if applicable) - Community of Interest Network   | SSHS          | 69k                    | Rolling 12 month  |                                    |
| WAN (Wide Area Network)   | JSC           | 10k                    | Rolling 12 month  |                                    |
| <b>DEFINITION:</b> WANs connect users and applications in geographically dispersed locations  |               |                        |                   |                                    |
| Other (please specify)  |               |                        |                   |                                    |