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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 5th March 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. As of 01/03/24, how many inpatients at psychiatric hospitals operated by your trust are transgender, or identify as a different sex to the sex assigned to them at birth?
This information has been withheld using an absolute exemption under Section 40(2) as the patient numbers are low and therefore there is a risk of identifying individual patients. In relation to our duty to assist under Section 16(1) we can however confirm that this is five patients or less.
2. Please provide your guidance on transgender inpatients, including the contact they are allowed with other patients, and whether they are treated on wards that correspond with the gender they identify as, or the gender they were assigned at birth. **They had as much contact on the ward as any other patient, and there were no restrictions. There are ensuite bedrooms to maintain privacy and dignity. The Trust's Transgender Inclusion Policy was available for all staff.**

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



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