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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 7th 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:

For the last 3 tax year's (23/22, 22/21, 21/20) please provide the total cost of:

- Total number of staff hired with responsibility for freedom of information requests, (full time equivalent). **x 2 staff Band 4 0.6wte Band 6 0.2wte as part of roles**
- Total salary costs for staff with responsibility for freedom of information requests. **£23,612**
- Total for all other costs associated with handling freedom of information requests. **No further costs**
- Total number of freedom of information requests received, and total number responded with the requested information.

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Number of requests	245	284	344
Not Applicable Requests	26	37	52
Exemption applied (Part or full)	11	8	11
Withdrawn	0	1	0
Total number responded to fully	208	238	281

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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