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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 16th April 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 the following information by the following calendar years:
2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 up to the present date 28/02/24.

During each calendar year, in adult services:

1. How many new referrals started treatment for an eating disorder?

All referrals screened and accepted for a face-to-face assessment with the Specialist Adult Eating Disorder Service (SAEDS) will receive advice and guidance as the outcome of this assessment, this is considered treatment. A small number of cases will be discharged at this point as their needs will have been met.

2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
0	106	77	101	39

2. How many patients were discharged from your service following treatment for an eating disorder?

The Specialist Adult Eating Disorders service (SAEDS) was not operational until Jan 2021 therefore we are unable to report on this data as it is incomplete (2020-21). This data request will include all open and in treatment cases from March 2021 that were discharged in 2022.

2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
N/A	51	75	96	35

3. How many of those patients (discharged) had achieved a BMI of 18.5 or higher when they were discharged?

BMI is not used as a discharge metric for the SAEDS. To supply this information would require a manual trawl of patients' records. We believe that the cost of collating the information in order to respond to your request would exceed the threshold of £450 as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate limit Fees) Regulations 2004. As a result, we are refusing your request under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 2000.

4. How many of those patients (discharged) had a BMI of below 15 when they were discharged?

Please see response to question 3.

5. What was the lowest BMI recorded of a patient when they were discharged (out of patients from point 4)?

Please see response to question 3.

6. How many of those patients (from point 4) were readmitted within 3 years of being discharged?

Please see response to question 3.

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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