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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 23rd 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:

1. What size population does the Trust serve (i.e., a whole number) **477,513.**
2. How many staff are in the research department? **5 staff plus 2 clinical academics in the Directorates.**
3. Please name the roles of the staff in the research department, including NHS grade (i.e., band 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8c, 8d, consultant) (including delivery staff, i.e., research nurses, research practitioners, research doctors, and research governance and management staff, including directors).
 - **R&D Director – Consultant**
 - **Research and Development Lead - Band 7**
 - **Research Governance Officer - Band 5**
 - **Clinical Studies Assistant - Band 4**
 - **Research Admin - Band 3**
 - **Two Clinical Academics – 8a and above**
4. Please confirm the total amount the Trust invested into research for 2023/2024 and 2024/2025? i.e., how much is specifically funded by the Trust?
 - **2023/24 – 102,000**
 - **2024/25 – 162,000**
5. Please confirm how much is funded by the CRN for 2023/24 and 2024/25?
 - **2023/24 - 134,302 (includes 2023/24 RCF pilot funding)**
 - **2024/25 – 172,957.40**
6. Does your Trust apply an income target or savings target to R&D? if so, what is the percentage? **No**
7. Is your research office independent or a JRO? **Independent**
8. Do you have any strong links/ collaborations with universities/ partners? **Yes**
9. Do you have any specific posts to support home-grown research? i.e., research fellows? Professors? Any other academic posts? **Yes**

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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