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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 12th June 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:

I am writing to make a formal request for information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding collaborative working (including joint working) projects with pharmaceutical and related companies that your organisation is involved in.

For clarity, by "collaborative" I mean projects/initiatives whereby you are working with one or more pharmaceutical companies to deliver enhanced patient care or are for the benefit of patients or alternatively benefit the NHS and, as a minimum, maintain patient care. By "Joint working" I mean projects/initiatives involving working between one or more pharmaceutical company and healthcare organisation(s), which is patient-centred and always benefits patients.

For each collaborative/joint working project entered into from April 2019 to today, please detail:

- Name of project/initiative
- Date entered into the project/initiative.
- Name of the pharmaceutical company/companies
- Name of the NHS organisations involved.
- The aims/goals used to justify the project.
- Resources planned to be utilized in the projections, or assessments conducted by your organisations on the outcomes or impact of these joint working projects.
- When the project/initiative is planned to be complete

I would like to emphasise that this request is made aiming to enhance transparency and accountability in the collaboration between the NHS and the pharmaceutical industry.

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



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Name of project/initiative	Clozaril near patient testing	Polarspeed Depots	Alliance depot service in collaboration with community pharmacy
Date entered into the project/initiative	Approximately 2016	Approximately 2017	November 2021 – September 2023
Name of the pharmaceutical company/companies	Viartis	Polarspeed (a logistics company) supply depots manufactured by Janssen	Janssen
Name of the NHS organisations involved	NSCHT (other trusts also use this service)	NSCHT (other trusts use this service)	NSCHT (other trusts use this service)
The aims/goals used to justify the project	Provide rapid blood tests so that patients can access their medicines on a single visit	To procure depots at a lower cost	Provide depots at a lower cost and support logistics closer to the clinical team to avoid delays in dose changes. Enhanced reporting through Alliance dashboard.
Resources planned to be utilized in the projections, or assessments conducted by your organisations on the outcomes or impact of these joint working projects	N/A- Longstanding Service	N/A- Longstanding Service	Feedback from staff, SOP and KPI compliance, drugs costs.
When the project/initiative is planned to be completed	N/A- Service quality reviewed annual	N/A service quality and cost effectiveness reviewed annual	N/A- Service quality reviewed annual