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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 25th 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:

1. When are you next going through an audit of the national fraud initiative?
The Trust participate in the National Fraud Initiative (NFI) matching exercise in accordance with the NFI timetable. The Trust will be required to upload data for NFI in October 2024 and then the matches will be released in 2025.
2. What current procedures do you have in place such as confirmation of payee against fraud??
If the Trust is setting up new suppliers we will check them on companies' house, check the sort code and contact them independently to request their details on a letterhead.

Any requests to change payee details are also independently verified by email or phone call using the details we currently hold.
3. What is your current confirmation of payee software incumbent product & the renewal date of the contract.
The Trust does not have a confirmation of payee software package.

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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