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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 23rd September 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'm seeking information on the use of non-clinical management consultants hired by your Trust for advisory or project-based roles, specifically related to workforce management, cost reduction, financial efficiency or operational improvement. Please exclude any data related to Medical Locums, Clinical Consultants (doctors) or agency staff (unless upholding a post aligned with those mentioned above).

Please disclose the following information in accordance with the rules of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. During the period between 1st April 2024 and 31st August 2024, how many external consultants were contracted by the Trust and what were their job roles (for example Software Developer, Agency Cost Reduction Program Director, Service Efficiency Lead etc.)? (For clarity, I'm referring to individuals, not Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) numbers). **No individual consultants were contracted during this period.**
2. Please list the Job Title/ Role, pay type (Umbrella / PSC etc.), rate type (day rate, hourly) of any contractors/ consultants engaged with the Trust at any time during April, May, June, July and August 2024. Please use the template below and include a one-line description of the core purpose of the role (responsibilities/ objectives), and whether the role pertains to the Trust only, or to a wider ICB project. **N/A**
3. For each job role, what was the average cost invoiced to the Trust, per day, per contractor, between 1st April 2024 and 31st 2024. **N/A**
4. For each of the job roles, what is the average tenure of those who were engaged at any time during 1st April 2024 and 31st August 2024. If they are still in post, please detail their start date and earliest anticipated end date. **N/A**

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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