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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 12th October 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. In the calendar year 2023 (1 Jan 2023-31 Dec 2023) please provide the total number of new diagnoses your trust has made for a personality disorder in a patient under 18 years of age.

'A personality disorder' includes both a general PD diagnosis, and a diagnosis of a subtype e.g. BPD, EUPD. I don't need to know the numbers of diagnoses of subtypes – please simply send the total number of new diagnoses.

The Trust is unable to report accurately the number of service users under 18 years of age with a personality disorder diagnosis at the present time as this is not consistently recorded in the Trust Electronic Patient Records (EPR).

The Trust is working to embed new care pathways, and this will enable better reporting of SNOMED diagnosis codes in the future.

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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