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Dear

### Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 17<sup>th</sup> 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:***

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting the following information on recorded sickness absences for pharmacists employed by your Trust.

1. How many days of sick leave, recorded as being due to "Anxiety/Stress/Depression/Other Psychiatric Illnesses", in line with NHS recording of sickness absence, were taken by pharmacy staff in your trust in each of the following years:
  - a. 2024/25. **0.00**
  - b. 2023/24. **0.00**
  - c. 2022/23. **0.00**
  - d. 2021/22. **0.00**
  - e. 2020/21. **0.00**
  - f. 2019/20. **0.00**
  - g. 2018/19. **105.17**
  - h. 2017/18. **92.80**

**All figures are based on the reporting period of 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March and represent the FTE Days lost.**

NB: For each year, please give one figure for all pharmacists combined with these three staff codes: SAP - Consultant Pharmacists; SOP - Chief Pharmacists and S2P - Pharmacists (trained).

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.



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Yours sincerely



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