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Dear

### Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 17 April 2023. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

#### **Requested information:**

	Information requested	NSCHT response
A.	Do you use screening before referring individuals to be assessed for ADHD. Definition being as per NHS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Screening: a triage process, using standardised tools and/or agreed processes and carried out by experienced Liaison and Diversion practitioners.</li> <li>- Assessment including specialist assessment: carried out by someone with a specific professional mandate, i.e. with requisite professional skills.</li> </ul>	NSCHT are not been commissioned to provide an Adult ADHD service.  NSCHT provide a CYP ADHD assessment and treatment service. All referrals for ADHD are screened by a mental health professional prior to referral for a specialist ADHD assessments.
A2.	If yes, when did you introduce screening?	NSCHT have always screened referral that have requested specialist assessment.
B.	For the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 please provide the following broken down by calendar year.	We are unable to provide the requested information as we do not record this in an electronic manner as CYP ADHD pathways are imbedded within multiple teams (no specific ADHD team).

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	i) Number of people who sought/referred for an ADHD diagnosis.  ii) Number of individuals who received screening  iii) Number of individuals who were then referred for assessment.  iv) Number of those assessed who were given an official diagnosis.	

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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