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Dear

### **Freedom of Information Act Request**

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 24<sup>th</sup> 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:***

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, to request the following information in relation to your inpatient CAMHS facilities.

Please could you provide me with: -

- The number of young people currently admitted to the (i) The Darwin Unit and (ii) The Bennett Ward.
- How many of these patients on (i) The Darwin Unit and (ii) The Bennett Ward have a formal diagnosis of Autism.
- How many of these patients with Autism, at birth were (i) biologically male (ii) biologically female.
- Currently how many other patients on the (i) The Darwin Unit and (ii) The Bennett Ward are suspected of/require assessment for possible Autism.

**The Trust is applying Section 40(2) exemption to this question as its disclosure would contravene one or more of the data protection principles under the Data Protection Act 2018 given the small pool of inpatients that this request refers. We tend to suppress any numbers that are less than 10 and, as there are only 10 beds occupied on the Darwin Unit, the breakdown requested would result in fewer than 10 Patients in each category.**

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, Interim 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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