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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 3rd May 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:

On the first day of each month, how many people were on the waiting list for the following:

- diagnosis from your NHS Children and Young People's Mental Health Services (CYPMHS)?
- treatment from your NHS Children and Young People's Mental Health Services (CYPMHS)?
- diagnosis from your NHS adult mental health services?
- treatment from your NHS adult mental health services?

Of those, how many were - at that time - waiting for:

- 3 months?
- 6 months?
- 12 months?
- more than 12 months?

Unfortunately, The Trust does not have waiting lists for those patients waiting for a diagnosis. Typically, patients would not have diagnoses recorded in our Electronic Patient Record (EPR) until they had been discharged from inpatient services.

The Trust does have waiting lists for those cases currently waiting for Assessment and/or waiting for Treatment. These waiting lists change on a daily basis and are not saved electronically to retain a snapshot at any point in our Data Warehouse. This means that we are unable to extract the data for the periods requested from our database.

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: Peter Axon, 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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