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Dear

### Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 14<sup>th</sup> 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:**

For the period between June 2022 and January 2023, please provide the statistics as follows:

- The average number of days taken to make payments to suppliers, measured from the date of receipt of invoice or other notice to the date the cash is received by the supplier **14 days**
- The percentage of payments made within the reporting period which were paid in 30 days or fewer, between 31 and 60 days, and in 61 days or longer
  - **Less than 30 days = 94%**
  - **31 to 60 days = 4%**
  - **Over 61 days = 2%**
- The percentage of payments due within the reporting period which were not paid within the agreed payment period **6%**

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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