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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 31st 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:

Can I please request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

- 1) The total amount that the Trust has spent on the Good Governance Institute's services since 2015.
2015 – 2021 - £80,443
- 2) A breakdown of the specific work that the Good Governance Institute has completed for the Trust (e.g. well-led reviews).

In March 2015, the Good Governance Institute published their report on the managerial leadership of governance with the organisation. They were commissioned to:

- review the structure of leadership of governance and the support function to the committees
- build and test an awareness of integrated governance in the clinical directorates
- support the development of an on-going integrated governance system for the directorates that dovetails with the needs of the corporate integrated governance function
- develop a best practice guide for the directorates to support their on-going development.

In 2016 The Chairman and the Deputy Director of Governance attended the Festival of Governance GGI Event.

In 2021 the Good Governance Institute provided a Governance Support Programme this focused programme provided the board with developmental support and additional assurance on key priorities:

- Clarity at board level on individual roles and responsibilities (of executive and non-executive directors)
 - Support with the further development of the trust's risk management and assurance system, including
 - support in the re-development of the board assurance framework (BAF) and annual cycle of business
 - Assignment of the board's risk appetite for the fulfilment of the new strategic objectives
 - A high-level review of the board and sub-committee structure in line with the above.
- 3) The basis on which the Trust chose the Good Governance Institute as an external facilitator for such reviews, should this be applicable.

The Board requirements were very specific to the GGI and therefore proved difficult to obtain comparative quotes from other suppliers although the Trust did look into the possibility of completing work with NHS Providers as part of the risk management and effective challenge Board Development Programmes.

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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