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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 8th June 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'm writing to you under the Freedom of Information act 2000 to request the following information. Please may you provide me with:

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1. The number of datix reports made identifying staffing shortages or referencing staffing shortages on all mental wards in the calendar year 2019.
2. The number of datix reports made identifying staffing shortages or referencing staffing shortages on all mental wards in the calendar year 2020.
3. The number of datix reports made identifying staffing shortages or referencing staffing shortages on all mental wards in the calendar year 2021.
4. The number of datix reports made identifying staffing shortages or referencing staffing shortages on all mental wards in the calendar year 2022.
5. The number of datix reports made identifying staffing shortages or referencing staffing shortages on all mental wards so far in this calendar year, 2023.

The Trust does not use the datix system

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6. The number of shifts on all mental wards that were flagged as not meeting minimum nurse staffing levels in the calendar year 2019.
7. The number of shifts on all mental wards that were flagged as not meeting minimum nurse staffing levels in the calendar year 2020.
8. The number of shifts on all mental wards that were flagged as not meeting minimum nurse staffing levels in the calendar year 2021.
9. The number of shifts on all mental wards that were flagged as not meeting minimum nurse staffing levels in the calendar year 2022.
10. The number of shifts on all mental wards that were flagged as not meeting minimum nurse staffing levels so far in this calendar year, 2023

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11. The total number of shifts available in the calendar year 2019.
12. The total number of shifts available in the calendar year 2020.
13. The total number of shifts available in the calendar year 2021.
14. The total number of shifts available in the calendar year 2022.
15. The total number of shifts available in the calendar year 2023.

The Trust does hold this information but not a reportable format, to supply this information would require a manual trawl. We believe that the cost of collating the information in order to respond to your request would exceed the threshold of £450 as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate limit Fees) Regulations 2004. As a result, we are refusing your request under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 2000.

If you narrow the scope of your request, the Trust may be able to provide the information free of charge because it would cost less than the appropriate limit to do so.

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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