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Dear

### Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 9<sup>th</sup> 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:***

- A) Please state the number of inpatients with an eating disorder diagnosis that were discharged from your trust with a BMI below 15 in:
1. 2018
  2. 2019
  3. 2020
  4. 2021
  5. 2022
  6. Total (1 Jan 2018 to 31 Dec 2022)
- B) Of the total number of inpatients with an eating disorder diagnosis that were discharged from your trust with a BMI <15 between 1 Jan 2018 and 31 Dec 2022 (i.e. point 6 above):
1. Please state the number of patients that were discharged from a) a specialist inpatient eating disorder service if you have one, and b) general inpatient care.
  2. Please state the number of patients that were a) 18 and above, and b) below 18.
  3. Please state the number of patients who had a BMI of a) 14-14.99, b) 13-13.99, c) 12-12.99 and d) <12
  4. Please state the exact BMI of the patient discharged with the lowest BMI
  5. Please state how many were a) self-discharged and b) discharged by the service
  6. Please state how many were subject to an MDT-informed clinical assessment before discharge
  7. Please state how many were discharged under a community treatment order
  8. Please provide a breakdown of where patients were discharged to - i.e. NHS intensive day-patient care / NHS outpatient care / no onwards care organised by the trust etc. (If data is not recorded or retrievable in this format, please provide any information you have available concerning which NHS or non-NHS treatment/service these patients were discharged to)

**The Trust does not hold the information to provide a response as this is not reportable on the Trust Electronic Patient Record (EPR). The Trust does not accept referrals with**

a primary diagnosis of Eating Disorders. Anyone with a secondary diagnosis would only have a BMI recorded if there was a concern over admission weight.

The Trust does hold this information but not a reportable format, to supply this information would require a manual trawl of our records. 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 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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