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Dear

### Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 15<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:***

1. a) The total payment to the PFI company (Unitary Charge) for the most recent financial year, for 2022-23.  
b) The £ increase in Unitary Charge payments which can be attributed to inflation, when compared to the previous financial year (2021-22).
2. a) The projected Unitary Charge for the current financial year, 2023-24  
b) The projected £ increase in Unitary Charge payments which can be attributed to inflation, when compared to the previous financial year (2022-23) .
3. The amount of financial support (if any) provided by NHS England or the Department of Health and Social care specifically to assist with meeting the additional cost of inflation rises.
4. A summary of information held on specific or local factors (other than inflation) which may have had a significant impact on PFI costs in the previous two years e.g. Major lifecycle maintenance, availability issues, disputes, service contract re-basing or other major contract milestones.

Where a Trust holds several PFI contracts, could this information be provided for each contract separately.

#### **Please see Appendix 1 attached**

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

*L. Wrench.*

**Laurie Wrench**  
**Deputy Director of Governance**



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1.a) The total payment to the PFI company (Unitary Charge) for the most recent financial year, for 2022-23.	7,227	
1.b) The £ increase in Unitary Charge payments which can be attributed to inflation, when compared to the previous financial year (2021-22).	545	on service charge and contingent rental
2.a) The projected Unitary Charge for the current financial year, 2023-24	8,035	as per forecast
2.b) The projected £ increase in Unitary Charge payments which can be attributed to inflation, when compared to the previous financial year (2022-23) .	643	on service charge and contingent rental
3.The amount of financial support (if any) provided by NHS England or the Department of Health and Social care specifically to assist with meeting the additional cost of inflation rises.	£nil	
4. A summary of information held on specific or local factors (other than inflation) which may have had a significant impact on PFI costs in the previous two years e.g. Major lifecycle maintenance, availability issues, disputes, service contract re-basing or other major contract milestones.	No other specific local factors	
Where a Trust holds several PFI contracts, could this information be provided for each contract separately.	Only hold 1 PFI contract	