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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 3rd July 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. I would ask to request the number of reports made on any Risk Management Information System the trust identifying staffing shortages or referencing staffing shortages on all mental wards in the calendar year 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and up to May 2023

Year	No of reports
2019	40
2020	23
2021	33
2022	44
2023 up to May	11

2. The number of shifts on all mental wards that were flagged as not meeting minimum nurse staffing levels in the calendar year 2022.
3. The number of shifts on all mental wards that were flagged as not meeting minimum nurse staffing levels up to May in this calendar year, 2023.
4. The total number of shifts available in **Mental Health Wards** the calendar year 2022.
5. The total number of shifts available in **Mental Health Wards** from Jan to May calendar year 2023.

The Trust is unable to provide the information requested as the system pulls off data in hours and there are various shift patterns and therefore cannot be cross referenced

To supply this information would require a manual trawl of our records. We believe that the cost of collating the information 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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Seeing as it is not possible to pull the number of shifts off the data set, I wonder if it would be possible to instead ask for the number of staff required across all mental health wards over a given day?

If that were possible, would it then be possible to add the number of staff required for every day of a year and collate the total number of staff needed over a year?

The Trust cannot provide the requested information as the numbers of staff are dependent on the hours they work. However, it may be helpful to visit our Public Website and view our Monthly and Annual Safer Staffing Reports which can be viewed via the links below:

<https://www.combined.nhs.uk/about-us/our-board/previous-board-meetings/>

<https://www.combined.nhs.uk/trustboard/trust-board-meeting-september-2022-2/>

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