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Dear

### **Freedom of Information Act Request**

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 17<sup>th</sup> 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:***

- How many early pregnancy units do you have within your health trust? Please can you provide the opening times of those early pregnancy units?
- Do you have any dedicated recurrent pregnancy-loss clinics or recurrent miscarriage clinics within your health trust? If so, please can you give the number of clinics you have?
- Do you have any dedicated pregnancy-loss clinics or miscarriage clinics (i.e. for non-recurring losses) within your health trust? If so, please can you give the number of clinics you have?
- How many recurrent miscarriages would an individual need to experience before being entitled to an investigation into the causes?

**N/A– as a Mental Health and Learning Disability Trust we are not commissioned to provide this service.**

- What mental health support do you offer for people affected by miscarriage?

**At North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare, we have a specifically commissioned team named Lotus which supports those mothers who have experienced trauma/deterioration in mental health due to a previous maternity experience including miscarriage and who are now pregnant again or considering conceiving again. This team is made up of Psychologists, Specialist Midwives, Mental Health Nurses, and Peer Support Workers (those with lived experience) and works with the parent in a person-centred way to provide support in overcoming previous trauma and manage anxiety with the aim of preventing a further deterioration in mental health. Referrals are accepted from all health sectors and self-referral is also permitted to ease access.**

**The Lotus team sits under the wider perinatal mental health service operated by North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust.**

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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