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Dear

### Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 24<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:**

1. The number of deaths of in-patients in mental health facilities in the Trust in each year: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 to end. Please break down by:
  - a. Those detained under the Mental Health Act at the time.
  - b. Those who were voluntary in-patients at the time.
  - c. whether the deaths occurred on the premises or while the patient was AWOL or on leave.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1a	0	2	1	0	0	1
1b	1	0	0	6	6	0
1c	0	0	0	0	1 (On leave)	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>

**For note – the reported deaths for 2021/2022 include inpatients who died from natural causes within 28 days of receiving a Covid positive test.**

2. The number of times seclusions were used in each in-patient mental health facility, each year: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
10	49	53	60	44	19

3. The number of Serious Incident reports created about in-patients at mental health facilities, each year 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 to end of June.

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
26	12	14	17	22	6

4. The number of:
  - a. Staff mental health nurses
  - b. Bank mental health nurses
  - c. Agency mental health nurses
  - d. Staff health care assistants
  - e. Bank health care assistants
  - f. Agency health care assistants

...employed/ used by the Trust in the month of June, for each year 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

**Please see Appendix 1 attached.**

5. The number of Occupational Therapists employed by the Trust as at 1 June of each year: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Year	Occupational Therapist
2018	40
2019	41
2020	45
2021	43
2022	54
2023	51
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>274</b>

6. From 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023, on how many days did you have
  - a. 0 in-patient mental health beds available **0**
  - b. 10 or fewer in-patient mental health beds available **22**
  - c. 20 or fewer in-patient mental health beds available **114**

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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## Q4 A

Substantive	Role
Year	Registered Nurse
2018	465
2019	490
2020	527
2021	513
2022	544
2023	577
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3116</b>

## Q4 B

Bank only	Role
Year	Registered Nurse
2018	40
2019	52
2020	48
2021	49
2022	52
2023	55
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>296</b>

## Q4 C

Agency	Role	
Year	HCSW	HCSW
	Approved by the trust and capable of working	Number of staff actually worked
2018	36	4
2019	55	9
2020	60	0
2021	35	6
2022	34	21
2023	133	25
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>65</b>

## Q4 D

Substantive	Role
Year	HCSW
2018	217
2019	233
2020	302
2021	279
2022	287
2023	264
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1582</b>

## Q4 F

Agency	Role	
Year	RMN	RMN
	Approved by the trust and capable of working	Number of staff actually worked
2018	43	7
2019	69	9
2020	85	2
2021	46	19
2022	37	20
2023	76	14
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>71</b>

## Q4 E

Bank only	Role
Year	HCSW
2018	129
2019	136
2020	105
2021	185
2022	226
2023	239
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1020</b>