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Dear

### Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 4<sup>th</sup> August 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:**

- The number of requests the Trust has received from a police force to access information about a service user's treatment in each of the following financial years: 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23

Year	Number of Requests
2018-19	116
2019-20	103
2020-21	124
2021-22	156
2022-23	118

- The number of requests the Trust has received from a police force to access information about a service user's treatment where the trust has refused or declined to provide that information in each of the following financial years: 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23. **0**
- If possible, the number of requests the Trust has received from a police force to access information about a service user's treatment where the police have been investigating an alleged sexual offence in each of the following financial years: 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 **The Trust does not record this information within the administration system. Once a request has been dealt with all the information including the police Data Protection Form is then placed on the patient health record. It would be disproportionate for us to have to view 617 patient records to obtain the offences being investigated 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 possible, the number of requests the trust has received from a police force to access information about a service user's treatment where the police have been investigating an alleged sexual offence where the trust has refused or declined to provide that information in each of the following financial years: 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23. **0**

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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