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Dear

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

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 13<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:***

- For each forensic mental health ward within the health trust please disclose the number of shifts in the last 12 months where clinical staffing levels fell below recommended safe levels. **N/A**
- Furthermore, could you please provide me with the current guidelines or policies in place that specify the recommended safe staffing levels for clinical staff in forensic wards within the health trust? **N/A**

#### **North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust does not have any Forensic Mental Health Wards.**

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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